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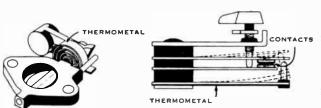


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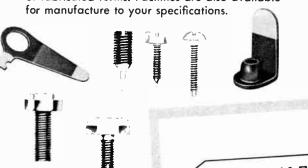
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#### **CRTPB** newsletter

Prepared by Canadian Radio Technical Planning Board.

#### Radio Standards Specifications 119 and 120

The CRTPB office recently distributed to all sponsor members copies of draft specifications 119 and 120. Specification 119, Issue 1, has a proposed effective date of January 1, 1962 and is entitled "FM or PM Communication Transmitters For Land And Mobile Stations Operating in 152-174 Mc/s Band At 60 Kc/s Channel Spacings With Power Outputs not Exceeding 5 Watts". Radio Specification 120, Issue 1, also has a proposed effective date of January 1, 1962. Its title is "FM or PM Communications Receivers For Land And Mobile Stations Operating in the 152-174 Mc/s Band At 60 Kc/s Channels Spacings". In sending these draft specifications for the comments of sponsor members of CRTPB, the Department of Transport points out that the specifications limit the transmitter RF power output to 5 watts and require that the transmitter and/or receiver units provide a self-contained primary power supply, i.e., all batteries must form an integral part of the unit. The DOT anticipates that equipment covered by these specifications would normally be used as hand-carried portable radiotelephones or for short range point-to-point operations.

Specifications 119 and 120 are similar to Radio Standards Specifications 106 and 107 respectively but have been slightly relaxed in several parameters.

The appropriate CRTPB committee will consider these new draft specifications of the Department of Transport.

#### **CRTPB Voting on Specification 112**

The results of the CRTPB voting on the recommendations of the Amortization Committee on Specification 112 entitled "Ship Station A.M. Communication Transmitters And Receivers Operating In the 1.6 Mc/s to 10 Mc/s Band With Power Outputs Not Less Than 15 Watts" which were sent to the Department of Transport in March were as follows. Ballots were received from thirteen sponsor members of which four completely abstained from voting. Of the remaining nine ballots, seven approved the recommended amortization period of seven years for non-type approved equipment falling within the scope of Specification 112, effective from the provisional effective date of the specification of April 1, 1958. The remaining two ballots showed no vote on this part of the question. On part two of the question, dealing with an extension of the amortization period, eight approved the recommended extension of the seven year amortization period on a pro-rata basis for non-type approved equipment which may have been licensed between the provisional and final effective dates of Specification 112. One ballot did not approve the recommended extension.

Various comments were received in conjunction with the vote and these have been passed on to the Department of Transport.

#### CRTPB Voting on Draft Broadcast Procedure 5

The Department of Transport has been informed of the result of the sponsor-members' votes on the recommendations of the CRTPB Television Committee referring to draft Broadcast Procedure No. 5 entitled "Protection and Coverage Rules for VHF Television, Issue 1".

Fifteen ballots were returned to the CRTPB office of which seven abstained, six approved, one vote did not approve, while one was a marginal opinion vote.

The CRTPB Television Committee revised proposed Broadcast Procedure No. 5, and the revised draft has been sent to the CRTPB sponsor-members and to the Department of Transport.

#### Radio Amateur Licenses in the United States

The FCC recently stated that the number of amateur radio station licenses issued in the United States approaches 204,500. "Ham" licenses have increased 285 per cent in the past twelve years.

The FCC also note that it has issued 500,000 permits in the Class D citizen's radio category since the service was established. The FCC is receiving nearly 8,000 applications a month now for licenses in this class.



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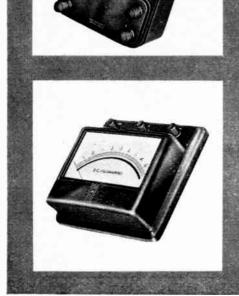
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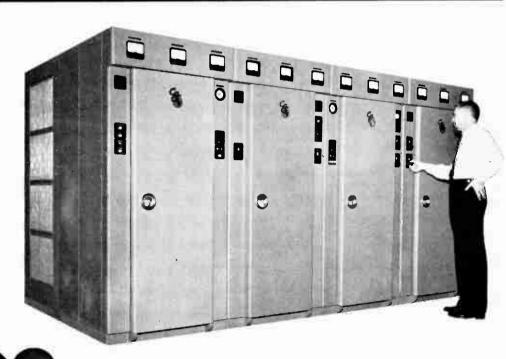


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#### AM TRANSMITTERS

The Type 317B transmitter is a standard AM broadcast transmitter with a power output of 50,000 watts. High level screen modulation of the 5 KW RF driver stage makes possible excellent performance. The 50 KW amplifier is a high efficiency linear stage using the "Weldon Grounded Grid" circuit. The advantages realized in this circuit are many, including high overall efficiency, extreme stability and the absence of critical neutralizing and tuning adjustment.





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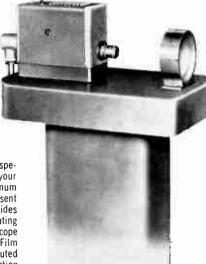
The system is designed for 525-line 60-fields-per-second FCC standard TV. The input signal is standard 0.5 to 2 volt white positive composite video.

This is equivalent to better than 1000 lines resolution in television terms. A non-linear amplifier having an effective "gamma" of 0.5, is included in the system and may be used at will to provide the correct grey scale rendition.

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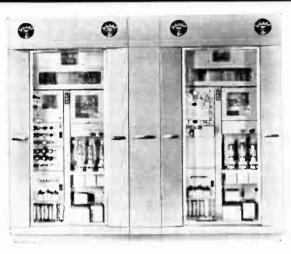
# AM - FM BROADCAST EQUIPMENT



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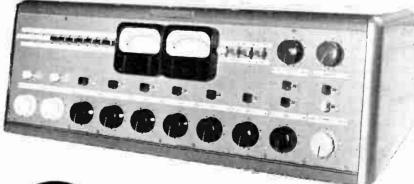
#### **VERSATILE FM TRANSMITTERS**

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#### the industry's business

#### Honeywell designs moderate-priced computer

A new generation electronic data processing system, described as "the most powerful available in the moderate-price field" was introduced recently by the Electronic Data Processing Division of Honeywell Controls Limited.

W. H. Evans, Honeywell president, predicted the new system, known as the Honeywell 400 and representing a "major expansion of the company's activity in the computer field", will extend the benefits of high-speed electronic data processing to six out of ten of the top Canadian companies. He further stated that the new system can be used in conjunction with the Honeywell 800, and will permit a growing company to expand its data processing operations from the Honeywell 400 to the Honeywell 800 with ease and economy.





. S. Suddick

F. W. Ladwig

P. S. Suddick, market manager of Electronic Data Processing Division at Honeywell, explained that the Honeywell 400 and Honeywell 800 will use identical tape systems, printers and card readers and that information recorded on one system may be read by the other system.

The basic Honeywell 400 model with a powerful central processor, four high-speed magnetic tape units, a high-speed printer and a card reader will rent for under \$10,000 a month. It will be available to users beginning in the summer of 1961.



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W. H. Evans

#### **DDP** contracts awarded

The following is a list of unclassified electronic defense contracts for \$10,000 or over awarded to Canadian firms by the Department of Defense Production during the period March 1-15, 1960.

Airtron Canada Ltd., Toronto, Ont., electronic components, \$33,-613; Computing Devices of Canada Ltd., Ottawa, Ont., electronic equipment, \$332,821; E.M.I.-Cossor Electronics Ltd., Dartmouth, N.S., establishment of production facilities for electronic equipment, \$125,000; Electromechanical Products, Agincourt, Ont., radiometer and electronic equipment, \$16,-893; Fleet Manufacturing Ltd., Fort Erie, Ont., electronic equipment, \$21,543; Instronics Ltd., Stittsville, Ont., oscilloscopes, \$13,-920; New Brunswick Telephone Co. Ltd., Saint John, N.B., telecommunication extension and cutover dial operation, \$18,616; RCA Victor Co. Ltd., Ottawa, Ont., development of electronic test equipment, \$16,000; R-O-R Associates Ltd., Don Mills, Ont., electronic equipment, \$16,456; F. V. Topping Electronics Ltd. Toronto, Ont., oscillators, \$44,140. **errogen, colore egeneration de l'** 

### IRE Communication Symposium seek appropriate papers

The Montreal Section of the Institute of Radio Engineers is holding a Symposium in Montreal, Que., on Friday and Saturday, November 4 and 5, 1960, in the convention rooms of Montreal's new Queen Elizabeth Hotel.

Papers will be considered on any phase of "Communications". Preliminary analysis of the subject title suggests the following topics: (1) Low frequency communication systems; (2) Broadcast communication systems; (3) Wire communications; (4) Telephone systems; (5) Mobile communications; (6) Scatter; (7) Lunar and space relays; (8) Telex; (9) Microwave relays; (10) Telemetering.

Original papers not previously presented are preferred but not mandatory. Presentations should be limited to 30 minutes allowing for a 20 to 25 minute paper and a 5 to 10 minute discussion period.

It is planned to publish for study prior to the Symposium a program agenda and abstracts of the papers to be presented, together with the author's photograph and a short biographical note.

Persons wishing to present papers are requested to submit by June 1, 1960, the subject title, a 50 word summary, and a short biographical note for consideration by the Technical Program Committee.

The authors of accepted papers will be advised by July 1 at which time they will be requested to forward by September 1, 1960, a 200 to 350 word abstract and a personal photograph. These will be published prior to the Symposium.

Authors of original work who desire their paper to be forwarded to the IRE Editorial Department for consideration regarding publication in "Proceedings" or "Transactions", should so indicate. A complete text would be required in this instance.

Summaries and biographical notes should be forwarded in triplicate to C. F. Kipp, Chairman, Technical Program Committee, IRE Symposium on Communications, Box 802, Station "B", Montreal, Que.

Change of name

It should be noted that, effective January 1, 1960, the corporate name of The Allanson Armature Mfg. Co. Ltd. was changed to Allanson Manufacturing Corporation Limited. This organization is located at 33 Cranfield Road, Toronto 16, Ontario.

#### Bach-Simpson trailer tours Ontario — Quebec

A 19-foot Bach-Simpson trailer, with approximately 30 feet of counter space and back-up panels illustrating the many basic styles of panel instruments and the wide variety of test equipment designed and manufactured by Bach-Simpson Limited of London, Ontario, is presently on tour of Ontario and Quebec.

The trailer, which has already concluded a tour of Western Ontario, is scheduled to spend the week of May 2 in Ottawa, where interested persons may view its contents at the following locations: Computing Devices of Canada, Defense Research Board, Carleton University and the University of Ottawa.

From May 9 to May 20 the trailer will be in Montreal, where it will make 32 scheduled stops among which will be the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, McGill University, University of Montreal and the Ecole Polytechnique.

En route back to Toronto the trailer will make stops at Kingston, Belleville, Trenton.

It is the plan of Bach-Simpson that the trailer be kept on the road for six months, which will permit time for a later tour of the Eastern Townships and Quebec City.

#### Canadian group buys Leland

Leland Electric Company Limited, recently formed by a group of Canadian investors, has purchased the Leland Electric Motor Division of AMF Canada Limited, according to a recent announcement by G. Ernest Robertson, chairman of the board.

Leland, which claims to be Canada's largest exclusive manufacturer of electric motors, generators and alternators, has manufacturing facilities located in Guelph, Ontario, comprising four buildings totalling over 150,000 sq. ft., and employs in excess of 500 persons. Branch offices and warehouses are maintained from coast to coast.

The new owners are an all Canadian group headed by Mr. Robertson, board chairman and chief executive officer. Frank S. Bush, formerly executive vice-president the Leland Electric Motor Division, will be president and general manager of the new company. Gordon D. Tiller, formerly vice-president and general manager of Federal Wire & Cable Co. Limited, assumes the titles of vice-president, secretary and treasurer.



Interior view of the Bach-Simpson Limited travelling showroom housed in a 19-foot trailer. The wide variety of instruments exhibited in this trailer can be seen from the wall and cabinet displays in the above photograph.

### Canadian Marconi to display microwave equipment in Mexico

The Canadian Marconi Company has been invited by the Mexican Government to send delegates and exhibit equipment at the forthcoming Latin American Telecommunications International Network Conference. This conference has been organized in order to bring together all the Latin American countries in an endeavor to establish a working agreement between the various nations for an integrated South American Telecommunications network. Fifty delegates have been invited and Canadian Marconi Company feel especially honored to be the only fully Canadian Telecommunications organization displaying Canadian products to the South American delegates.

In an interview with Electronics and Communications Canadian Marconi officials pointed out that since Canada's unfavorable balance of trade has been the subject of much concern to Canadian Government and Industry it is the responsibility of Radio and Electronics manufacturers in Canada, where there is no foreign affiliation which would exclude them from marketing outside of Canada, to attempt to break into the non-domestic telecommunications markets.

Canada's position as an exporting nation, particularly with reference to manufacturing goods as against raw materials is such that drastic measures will be required. Either there must be more Canadian manufactured products from Canadian owned companies, or the Canadian subsidiaries of foreign companies will have to be allowed to enter into export by the controlling company.

The problem will be solved, at least in part, if our government and the management of Canadian subsidiaries bring pressure to bear on the controlling companies to allow their Canadian subsidiaries to enter export markets to a greater extent.

#### Appointed franchised Canadian distributor

The Semiconductor Division of Hoffman Electronics Corporation has appointed Aeromotive Engineering Products, Ltd., as its franchised Canadian distributor and sales representative.

Aeromotive will market the complete line of Hoffman diodes, rectifiers, transistors and solar devices.

The Canadian firm, with distribution centers near Montreal and in Toronto and a field organization covering the remainder of the country, will give Hoffman full representation in Canada's growing electronics industry, according to A. H. Binash distributor sales manager for the Semicenductor Division.

#### Semicon Associates acquired by Varian

The forthcoming acquisition of Semicon Associates, Inc. by Varian Associates has been announced by the managements of the two electronics firms. Varian will acquire 100 per cent ownership of Semicon through an exchange of common stock. Details of the transaction are withheld pending final negotiations.

Semicon will become part of Varian's recently formed Microwave Tube Group which also includes Bomac Laboratories, Inc., Beverly, Mass; S-F-D Laboratories, Inc., Union, N.J.; Varian Associates of Canada, Ltd., Georgetown, Ontario; and the Varian Tube Division in Palo Alto, Calif.



Arthur Meez, left, field day co-ordinator and past president of the Nortown Amateur Radio Club. Toronto, accepts the Canadian Marconi Trophy from H. E. Buchanan, of Canadian Marconi Company at the Club's annual banquet. The Nortown Club topped entries from amateur radio groups in centers throughout Canada to win the trophy.

#### Servomechanisms (Canada) acquired by Litton

Litton Industries has acquired Servomechanisms (Canada) Ltd., according to an announcement made jointly by Dr. Henry E. Singleton, Litton vice-president and Electronic Equipments Division general manager, and William W. Shannon, president of Servomechanisms, Inc.

Servomechanisms (Canada) Ltd., with its main plant located in the Rexdale area of Toronto, has been a subsidiary of Servomechanisms, Inc., of Los Angeles, Calif.

Dr. Singleton said plans will be implemented immediately for expansion of the Canadian firm's operations, with particular emphasis on advanced electronic products including inertial guidance systems for the Lockheed CF-104 fighter-bomber of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

The acquisition reflects Litton's continued interest in Canada's expanding industrial activity and economy.

IRE Toronto Section reviews progress

Frank A. Ford, P.Eng., chairman of the membership committee of the Toronto Section of the Institute of Radio Engineers, in making his annual report recently, referred to the Institute, with its 77,000 members, as being the largest professional society in the free world.

Growth in the Toronto Section has kept pace, Mr. Ford stated, and shows an increase in membership of about 5 per cent in the past year. Only seven years ago, the Toronto group numbered but half of today's rota.

Mr. Ford continued by comparing the Toronto Section with the IRE group in Montreal who, percentage wise, have about 10 per cent more Fellows, 20 per cent more Senior Members, 40 per cent more Members, but 50 per cent fewer Students. "We can be proud of our Student record," said Mr. Ford, "which places the Canadian Region top in all IRE Student membership."

#### Bell Telephone to spend \$200 million

In his address to shareholders at the 80th annual meeting of The Bell Telephone Company, Thomas W. Eadie, president, estimated that approximately \$200 million would be spent by his organization on construction in 1960. "The number of telephones in service," Mr. Eadie said, "rose from 1,600,000 to 3,300,000. Ten years ago 67 out of 100 households in our territory had telephone service. Today, over 90 out of every 100 households have telephone service."

Mr. Eadie in his address referred to some of the company's major undertakings during the past decade, such as: the coast-to-coast radio relay network built in partnership by the Bell and its fellow members of the Trans-Canada Telephone System; the joint construction of the Mid-Canada Line for the Canadian Government; the extension of Bell service to many locations in Northern Ontario and Quebec as well as Labrador and Baffin Island; the expansion of customer dialing of long distance calls; and the development of extended area service.

#### Toronto hams win Marconi trophy

The Canadian Marconi Trophy, awarded the amateur radio club making the greatest number of contacts at the Ham operators' annual field day, was presented Saturday night, April 2, to Arthur K. Meen, VE3DAR, representing the Nortown Amateur Radio Club, of Toronto.

During the 24 hour contest, the Nortown Club made world wide contacts including operators in Mexico, Panama, Haiti, Venezuela, England and Germany, to top entries from amateur radio groups right across Canada.

The field day contest was sponsored by the American Radio Relay League which also verified the contacts.

The Nortown Club, operating under its own call letters VE3NAR, was actively represented by 60 of its members as operators, log keepers and mechanics working on ten stations set up on North Bathurst St., Toronto for the field day.

#### King Radio unchanged in Canada

Although King Radio Corporation of Merriam, Kansas, announces the appointment of REA International Corporation, 80 Broad St., New York City, as export distributors for King products, distribution in the United States and Canada will continue to be handled by authorized King dealers.

#### General Radio's 1960 road show

The General Radio Company of 99 Floral Parkway, Toronto 15, will send its 1960 Travelling Exhibit of Electronic Test Equipment to visit areas from Hamilton, Ontario through to Quebec City.

Included in the exhibit will be several new General Radio instruments such as: a Beat Frequency Generator for audio, ultrasonic, and video frequencies; a working demonstration of a Sound and Vibration Analyzer in conjunction with a Graphic Level Recorder and Random Noise Generator; and a new Adjustable Regulated Power Supply and many other instruments for research, development and production.

In addition to the approximately eighteen stops that the Travelling Road Show will make, two hotel shows are also on the itinerary: Seaway Hotel, Toronto, on Saturday, May 7, between 12:00-6:00 p.m.; and The Capri Hotel, Montreal, on Sunday, May 15, between 12:00-6:00 p.m.



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IN457	60	70	20	1.0	D25	3	75	50
IN457A	60	70	300	1.0	025	5	200	23
IN458	125	150	7	1.0	D25	5	55	50
IN458A	125	150	100	1.0	025	5	200	15
IN459	175	200	3	1.0	.02	5	40	50
IN459A	175	200	100	1,0	.025	5	200	
IN461	75	30	15	1,0	.50	30	60	25
IN461A	25	30	100	1.0	50	30	200	50
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IN464	125	150	1	1.0	.50	30	40	16
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120	30	40	100	1.1	.25	30	100	25
IN482	30	40	100	1.0	.025	1.5	200	50
IN482A	30	40	100	1.0	.025	5	200	50
IN4828	60	80	100	1.1	.75	20	100	25
IN483	60	80	100	1.0	.025	1.5	200	50
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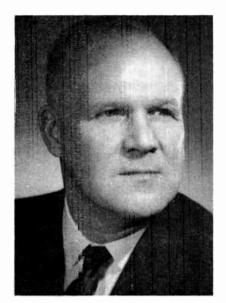


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#### industry personnel



George Knapp

#### George Knapp aids AEL sales

The appointment of George Knapp, as assistant sales manager (industrial) of Aviation Electric Limited, was recently announced by Durham Garbutt, sales and service manager of the company.

Mr. Knapp who, for the past two years, has been responsible for the growth of the company's activities in the industrial field, will continue to co-ordinate all industrial sales activities, giving special attention to automatic control systems.

#### G. L. Mansour in RCA Victor post

George L. Mansour, until recently vice-president and general manager of RCA Victor's Record Division, has been appointed to a newly-made position with the company. According to the president, John D. Houlding, who made the announcement, Mr. Mansour is now vice-president, Consumer Products.

In his new appointment Mr. Mansour will assume full responsibility for all consumer product activities, from products development through to marketing, manufacturing and distribution.

#### Burroughs Adding Machines' appointments

M. L. Peterson, veteran business machines serviceman. has been appointed service engineering manager for Burroughs Adding Machine Company of Canada, Limited, according to J. L. Rapmund, general manager.



George L. Mansour

Mr. Peterson succeeds J. C. Chadwick, who has been named service manager of Burroughs' Toronto office.

In addition to Toronto, Burroughs maintains sales and service offices across Canada from Halifax to Vancouver.

#### Senior appointments by Burndy

Four new senior sales appointments in line with the company's policy of improving customer service, and linked with their current expansion program, have been announced by Guy Vandry, general sales manager of Burndy Canada Limited.

Appointed to head office in Toronto as chief sales engineer is R. H. Davies, who has been with Burndy for over ten years and was, until recently, industrial market manager.

John I. Croucher becomes eastern district manager, located at Montreal, and responsible for sales in Eastern Ontario, the Province of Quebec and the Maritimes. He was previously eleven years with Northern Electric and joined Burndy two years ago.

Appointed to Burndy's Calgary office as Alberta district sales manager, is R. W. Holliday. Mr. Holliday is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario and has been with Burndy eight years, most recently as utility market manager.

**E. R. Friars** is appointed sales representative for the Maritimes and Newfoundland, located at Halifax. Mr. Friars is a native of New Brunswick and has been in the electrical industry for thirteen years.

#### Philips Electronics names Projects Section head

A. P. H. Barclay, general manager (Engineering and Manufacturing), Professional Equipment Division, Philips Electronics Industries Ltd. has announced the appointment of Roy L. Adams as head of the Projects Section of the Engineering Department of this division. This section consolidates activities associated with the translation of customers' new requirements into technical proposals and specifications. Its activities encompass the company's communications, industrial and specialty electronics, equipment and capabilities.

Mr. Adams has a background of research, development and production experience, with governmental and industrial organizations, which equips him well to co-ordinate this task. He is an electrical engineering graduate from the University of Toronto and a member of the Ontario Association of Professional Engineers, the Institute of Radio Engineers, and the Canadian Aeronautical Institute.



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J. I. Croucher



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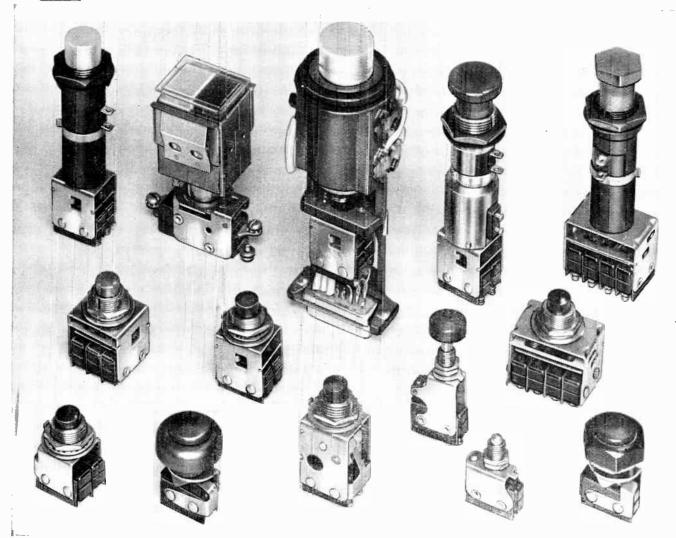


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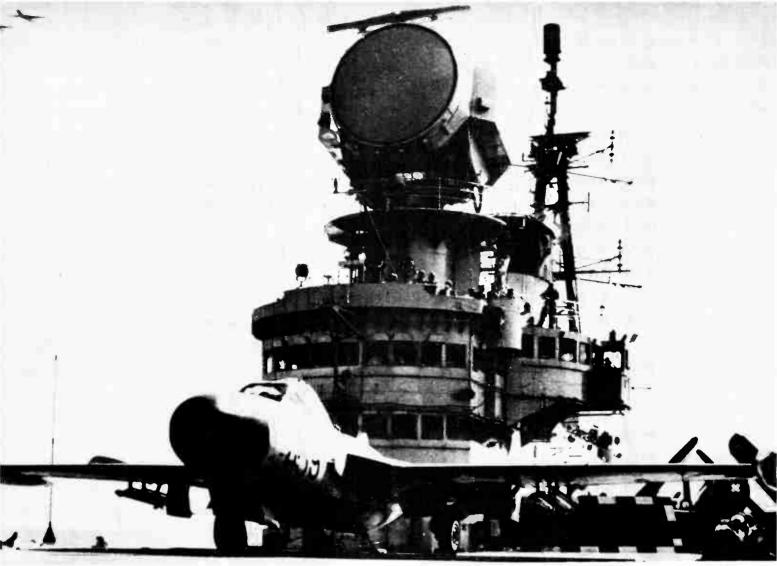
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RESEARCH

### Current microwave techniques in the United Kingdom

by David Simpson A.M.I.E.E.\* and G. T. J. Summer B.Sc.\*\*

The microwave region is that part of the electromagnetic spectrum lying between radio waves and infra-red radiation. The frequency range is from about 1,000 to 100,000 Mc/s with corresponding free-space wavelengths of 30 cm to 3 mm. The region, however, is by no means sharply defined and is better characterized by the particular engineering techniques used. These techniques are due to the wavelength being of the same order of size as normal components and consequently are quite different from those used at lower frequencies, being somewhat akin to those used in optics.

Microwaves, unlike lower frequency radio waves, are not reflected or refracted by the ionised layers surrounding the earth but, like light rays, tend to travel in straight lines. These differences account for the

lack of attention paid to the microwave region until comparatively recent times, though the use, and particularly the theory, of microwaves is by no means modern.

The fundamental mathematical work of Scottishborn Clark Maxwell and later the Englishman Oliver Heaviside provided a theoretical basis for the numerous experiments which followed those of Hertz in 1888. It is not generally realized that devices such as horn radiators, parabelic reflectors, quarter and half-wavelength plates, artificial dielectrics, dielectric lenses and waveguides had been investigated at wavelengths down to 0.5 mm prior to 1900. In that year Marconi showed that the lower frequencies were more suitable for long-

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\*\*Microcell Microwave Research Unit, London, England.

#### The role of basic research has always been recognized in Britain and the spirit of free enquiry flourishes in the universities and government establishments

distance communication, and interest in microwaves consequently waned.

#### Radar Gave Lead

Sir Robert Watson Watt's experiments in radiolocation (later termed radar) revived interest in the UHF (ultra high frequency) and microwave regions because of the greater aerial focussing ability and object discrimination. The famous work by Douglas Hartree of Cambridge and others on the magnetron and the intensive research carried out in Britain revived interest in microwave theory and techniques.

The second world war brought an urgent need for better, more accurate and higher powered radar, and a pool of British, American and other Allied scientists was established at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Radiation Laboratories in the United States to design and develop suitable equipment. The consequent progress in microwave technology was immense and by 1945 microwave engineering had been established as a separate branch of technology.

Since then interest in microwaves has been diversified and increased by the requirements for advanced radar aircraft navigation systems, for wideband communication equipment, by the possibility of the use of microwave spectrometry and for examining the structure of matter and of slow waves at microwave frequencies for accelerating charged atomic particles. There has been steady progress made in all branches of microwave technology, and this field of knowledge is now very large. It is the purpose of this article to describe briefly some of the research that is now being done and the equipment that has been developed and is available in Britain.

#### Current research

The role of basic research has always been recognized in Britain, and the spirit of free inquiry flourishes in the Universities and Ministry Establishments. Financial support for this type of research is now being greatly increased under the auspices of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, and the record of achievements in solving outstanding problems is high.

To make use of microwave energy, it is necessary to generate, amplify and detect waves of the required frequency. The reflex klystron and the magnetron developed during the war have given way to the travelling wave tube and the multi-cavity klystron as low and high power oscillators. The "Maser" and parametric amplifier or "Mavar" have been developed for amplification of low level signals, such as those from radio sources in outer space. "Masers" (Microwave Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation) make use of the controlled paramagnetic resonance properties of certain substances to obtain amplification and require to be operated near absolute zero (minus 273 Centigrade). "Mavars" (Microwave Amplification

ferrite material as a non-linear reactance to convert power from a pump source into the required frequency.

by Variation of Reactance) use a semi-conductor or

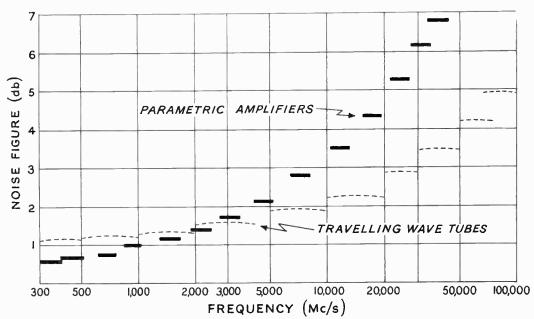
#### Satellite tracking

Early forms of these devices are already in use for radio-astronomy and satellite tracking and research continues to improve recovery times, stability and gain bandwidths and to produce small easily-handled units. A special type of backward wave oscillator, the carcinotron, invented in France, has been developed as a wideband tuneable coherent source for frequencies up to 10,000 Mc/s. The multi-cavity klystron capable of producing final pulse powers up to 40 megawatts at microwave frequencies is being actively developed for use in long-range radar and scatter propagation systems and for accelerating particles for nuclear

The generation of microwaves at the upper frequency limit of the band (wavelength about 1 millimeter) is a fascinating field of research and the Services Electronic Research Laboratories, in co-operation with several industrial firms, have given a world lead in engineering



A British "Bloodhound" surface-to-air guided weapon which used a highly successful ground-based mobile illuminating radar, regarded as one of the most advanced in the world.



This graph shows the estimated noise figure performance of parametric amplifiers and travelling wave tubes. The bandwidths indicated represent tunable bandwidths. The figure shows the expected supremacy of travelling wave tubes at frequencies above "S" band. This is due to a new technique for reducing shot noise by causing the electron beams in travelling wave tubes to be accelerated by a very small potential gradient in the vicinity of the cathode.

oscillators and harmonic generators to operate in this region.

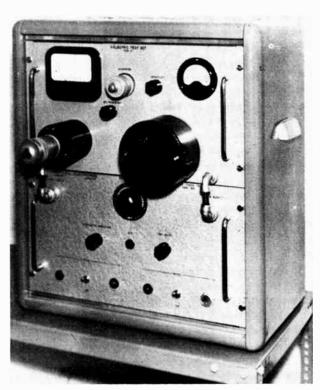
The interaction of microwave radiation with dielectric materials almost forms a branch of technology in its own right. The use of lenses and microwave transparent aerial covers (radomes), the need for reducing waveguide sizes, and the introduction of printed circuit transmission lines have all led to an intensified study

A view of the famous Jodrell Bank (Cheshire, England) radio-telescope from the desk at which the controller sits.

of material properties at microwave frequencies. The special problems posed by high-speed flight and missile re-entry, where temperatures of several hundred degrees Centigrade can be registered on the radome, call for the use of advanced materials such as ceramics, and the related problems in measurement techniques have led to an intensive research and development effort.

A Microcell dielectric test set for measurement of dielectric constant and loss tangent up to 600 degrees Centigrade. The set is made by Microcell Limited. 9 Kingsway, London, W.C. 2, England.





**World Radio History** 



Millimetric waveguide research at the Post Office Research Station, London, England. The low-loss propagation of microwaves in cylindrical tubes over long distances has an enormous potential field of application in telecommunication.

#### Telecommunication potential

A development with an enormous potential field of application in telecommunications, is the low loss propagation of microwaves in cylindrical tubes over long distances, which has been investigated at University College. London, under the direction of Professor H. E. M. Barlow. Such a system is capable of handling several thousand channels simultaneously in a tube about two inches in diameter for distances over several hundreds of miles. Practical systems are now being developed by Britain's General Post Office and the transmission of television programs may be one of the first applications.

Long range, very wide band communications free from seasonal and spasmodic interruptions are coming close to reality with the development of tropospheric scatter systems. In this process microwave frequencies are transmitted beyond the visible horizon by reflection and scattering at atmospheric turbulence centers. Dr. E. G. S. Megaw, at the Admiralty Surface Weapons Establishment (A.S.W.E.) carried out pioneer experiments in 1950 in this field, and since that time extensive research and development have led to the practical use of several forward scatter installations.

The development of the group of materials termed "ferrites" led to the design of many new microwave devices such as isolators and gyrators. The special properties of ferrites controllable by a magnetic field give rise to non-reciprocal attenuation or phase shift of a wave. Ferrite duplexers and modulators are now in use on microwave radar and test equipment. Ferrite rods and plates are now also used as radiating elements with entirely electronic scanning. This could have great significance for airborne radars if high power ferrites can be developed.

#### Some applications

The results of research and development in the Universities and Ministry Establishments are freely and quickly communicated to industry, and practical systems and devices are evolved by the company concerned either with Ministry support or as a private venture. Many of the advanced systems are subject to secrecy regulations and cannot be described, but some of the non-classified developments are reviewed.

Britain has always played a leading part in the

design of radar equipment. A recent North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) exercise showed the superiority of the 3-Dimensional radar in the aircraft carrier Victorious. Developed by the Admiralty Surface Weapons Establishment, the system is the most effective ship-borne radar complex in the world. The set uses a fully stabilized microwave lens aerial with multiple feeds. A semi-automatic data processing system provides intercept information to the fighter aircraft.

The Bristol/Ferranti Bloodhound weapon system uses another highly successful and advanced ground-based mobile illuminating radar in its semi-active homing function. This radar is made by the Associated Electrical Industries group to Royal Radar Establishment designs and is regarded as one of the most advanced in the world. More powerful ground-based radars are at present being developed. The NATO European radar net is being equipped with Marconi radars which make full use of the latest constructional techniques.

#### **High-speed** interception

In airborne radars, the "Airpass" system manufactured by Ferranti Ltd., for the English Electric P1 1,500 miles per hour interceptor serves as an example of a high-precision integrated radar with radome, microwave circuitry and data computer ensuring accurate and reliable enemy interception at high speed.

Microwave links for communication, television, and so on, are now well-established, the first in the United Kingdom operating as early as 1931. Several unique systems using combinations of travelling wave tube amplifiers, time division multiplex and high-gain reflector-fed arrays are in regular use for radar repeaters, television and government communications.

"Q" band (8 mm wavelength) high-definition radar is being used for airport and harbor control. A novel application is the use by British Railways of a "Q" band radar set in an automatic marshalling yard system at Crewe. The high definition and the careful elimination of ground returns enables computer control by one man operating from a control desk even in thick fog. A British patented system is also under development for a collision-proof fog warning device for locomotives based on a guided wave concept.

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A tiny half-inch-square crystal of synthetic ruby is key to the revolutionary "ruby maser" amplifier which can pick up signals from distant stars or space vehicles millions of miles away.

Pound-for-pound the "ruby maser" is described as the most sensitive listening device in the history of science.

**DEVELOPMENT** 

### Ruby maser amplifier extends range of electronic systems tenfold

by Dr. Theodore H. Maiman\* and Col. Harold McD. Brown\*\*

The existence of an "electronic ear", described as pound-for-pound the most sensitive listening device in the history of science and keen enough to pick up the faint radio signals from interplanetary rockets millions of miles in outer space, has been revealed by the U.S. Army and Hughes Aircraft Company.

The super-detector is a 25-pound "ruby maser" amplifier, which was developed by Hughes for the U.S. Army Signal Research and Development Laboratories at Fort Monmouth, N.J., where it is being used experimentally.

The new device, the smallest and easiest-to-operate detector of its kind, could extend by tenfold the range of many electronic systems and also could provide the sensitivity needed to:

- Detect radio "beeps" from space vehicles millions of miles away, making it possible to communicate with satellites or track space-probe missiles at far greater distances than ever before.
- 2. Enable military defense systems using long-range high-angle radars to detect intercontinental

- ballistics missiles (ICBMs) far earlier than they can now.
- 3. Pick up signals from distant stars (radio astronomy).
- 4. Eventually facilitate communication between space vehicles.

#### What 'Maser' means

The ruby maser derives its name from a synthetic ruby gem which is the "heart" of the device, and from the first letters of Microwave Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation. The maser and the receiver (exclusive of antenna) are housed in a standard cabinet the size of a television console.

In operation, the ruby is cooled to a temperature of 452 degrees below zero F — about as cold as any object in the universe can become. At this temperature the jewel detects and amplifies almost unbelievably faint radio signals in the important high frequency range of microwaves.

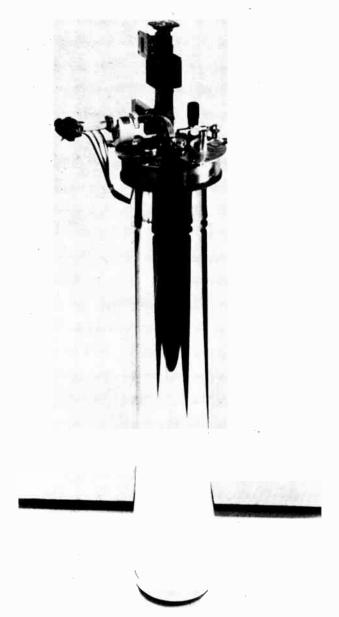
<sup>\*</sup>Hughes Aircraft Company.
\*\*U.S. Army Signal Research & Development Laboratories.

The ultra-cold temperature, maintained by liquid helium, makes the atoms and electrons in the ruby move in slow motion, cutting the "noisy" natural collisions of the atomic particles to a minimum. The result is an almost static-free signal booster. Conventional amplifiers using hot radio tubes or room-temperature transistors create a great deal of their own radio noise which often overrides faint signals. This is the hissing, rumbling background noise heard, for instance, when a home radio strains to pick up a weak station.

The Hughes ruby maser and its microwave receiver were developed for use by an army in the field and together constitute the first complete package of its kind delivered for that purpose.

The new maser may be the forerunner of masers that will be completely portable and can be operated in combat.

Earlier masers are large laboratory models requiring



a large vacuum pump and a magnet weighing up to 500 pounds and costing more than \$4,000. The Signal Corps' maser does the same job with no pump at all and uses a 12-ounce magnet costing about \$10. It is smaller, lighter and cheaper than other masers.

#### No noise is good noise

Devices such as vacuum tubes suffer from a "noisy" process stemming from fluctuations in the flow of electrons, often resulting in degradation of an input signal until it is obscured. The ruby maser's great sensitivity is gained by using the paramagnetic properties of the drastically-cooled ruby instead of a flow of electrons as used in vacuum tubes and transistors. It generates almost no "noise" and therefore can detect very weak signals, such as those from outer space.

The maser is successful not so much for what it does as for what it does not do. In the same sense that a good hi-fi set does not distort music, the ruby maser does not add noise to obscure a signal. It is an extremely-low-noise amplifier with extreme fidelity.

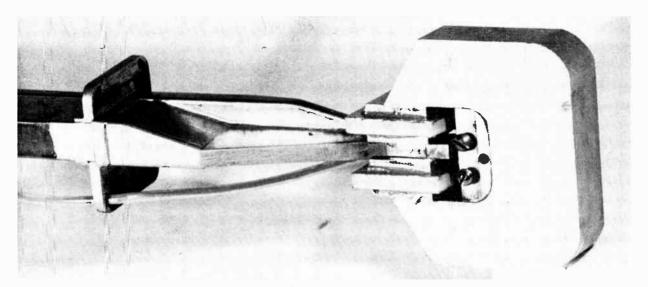
The new maser was built at Hughes in co-operation with the Atomic Resonance Devices Section of the Fort Monmouth laboratory.

#### Development background

Under the sponsorship of a Signal Corps research and development contract and also a separate fabrication contract, an X-band solid-state maser amplifier was developed and fabricated by Hughes Aircraft Company. The effort under the contract was directed toward obtaining the maximum gain-bandwidth product and toward making the amplifier as stable and compact as possible.



Shown at left above is the complete "ruby maser" weighing only 25 pounds and measuring 30 inches high and five inches in diameter. At right is the Hughes Aircraft Company's maser microwave circuits with an integrated permanent magnet (at bottom). In the foreground is the double coolant container into which the unit is installed to supercool the ruby crystal to a few degrees above absolute zero.



Key to high performance of the revolutionary "ruby maser" lies in a six-inch area containing a gold-plated copper transition section, a half-inch square ruby crystal and a 12-ounce magnet. The magnet, at right, "tunes" the ruby so that it will operate at the correct frequency, which is determined by the strength of the magnetic field, and the angle between the crystal axis and the direction of the magnetic field. Darker section at left is the waveguide. The entire section is installed in a double-glass vacuum filled with liquid helium and nitrogen to supercool the ruby to a few degrees above absolute zero.

Achievement of substantial miniaturization in maser design is reflected in the overall weight and size which are 25 pounds and ½ cubic foot respectively. This is to be compared with some several hundred pounds for a maser of more conventional design.

The gain-bandwidth product of this amplifier is 105 Mc when operating at the temperature of liquid helium (4.2° K) and as such is the highest value which has been reported for a cavity type maser.

This amplifier was incorporated into a complete microwave receiver and delivered to the Signal Corps. It is the first mobile field maser to be constructed.

The paramagnetic crystal employed in the amplifier is synthetic ruby having about 0.1 per cent chromium concentration. Basically, high performance, reliability and miniaturization all are achieved by the use of a "ruby cavity".

The maser cavity is formed from a solid block of ruby cut to the correct dimensions and coated with silver. With this technique the paramagnetic properties of the ruby are fully utilized making possible the large gain-bandwidth product. Since the dielectric constant of ruby is large  $(\Sigma_{\eta}10)$ , the cavity dimensions are quite small (approximately 0.28 by 0.28 by 0.14 inch).

Substantial advantage of these small cavity dimensions was taken; instead of an external magnet weighing several hundred pounds, a small permanent magnet weighing only 12 ounces was used and was attached to the inside of the helium dewar. The crystal axis was correctly oriented by rotating the dewar with respect to the cavity and waveguide, which was kept fixed.

Coupling to the cavity was accomplished by the use of a waveguide transition having dimensions that gradually tapered from those of standard X-band waveguide to the dimensions of the cavity. The transition contained a piece of clear sapphire to keep the waveguide above cutoff, and coupling from the transition section to the cavity was effected through an iris window (a hole in the cavity silver coating). K-band pumping power was similarly coupled through a taper transition to a perpendicular face of the cavity.

Increased reliability is obtained with the solid cavity design because it eliminates liquid helium

bubbling problems and difficulties due to mechanical positioning of a small crystal in a large cavity.

#### **History of Masers**

The "maser" principle was invented in 1955 by Professor Charles H. Townes at Columbia University. He coined this acronym which stands for "Microwave Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation."

The first maser (built by Townes and co-workers) used a beam of ammonia molecules as the active medium. This beam type of maser is very useful as a precise frequency and time standard; however, it is not very practical for amplification purposes — it is not tunable and has an extremely narrow bandwidth.

The basic principles for a solid-state type of maser were outlined in 1956 by Profesor Bloembergen at Harvard University. Several months after the Bloembergen proposal, workers at Bell Labs were successful in constructing a solid-state maser and shortly thereafter Hughes also made a solid state maser. These two masers used a single crystal of the compound gadolinium ethyl sulphate (one of the materials suggested by Bloembergen in his proposal).

Masers as a class make use of the energy levels of atoms or molecules and are inherently extremely "low noise" devices. Because of this fact considerable interest was stirred when the solid-state maser came on the scene and several laboratories started research and development programs in this area.

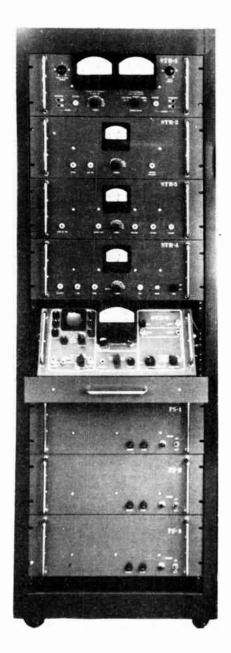
Although many different companies have since made solid-state masers, these have all been large laboratory models and, in fact, it was felt that a fundamental limitation and serious drawback of the solid-state maser was the requirement for a large magnet. This difficulty has been overcome in the Hughes-packaged maser.

Several materials have been demonstrated to operate in solid-state masers; however, the most useful to date has been the gem ruby. Ruby is a single crystal of aluminum oxide having a small amount of chromium as an impurity. The chromium is responsible for the maser properties (as well as the red color) of this stone. Ruby is made synthetically by the Linde Company and is marketed for only five cents per carat. This synthetic gem is used in the Hughes maser.

### Stereo manufacturers prepare to meet top quality equipment requirements

Promising market potential for stereo receivers

by T. W. Lazenby, Editor



General view of the Kahn All AM stereo broadcast console.

Stereophonic broadcasts are now becoming available to music lovers in Canada's most thickly populated areas and already stereo enthusiasts in the Montreal area can tune in to Station CJAD, which is currently broadcasting stereophonic programs.

The system recently acquired by CJAD from the Kahn Research Laboratories is an a-m a-m installation that is capable of broadcasting stereo programs to listeners with two a-m receivers. In order to obtain the stereo effect, however, listeners must tune their receivers partially off frequency. There is no noticeable loss of broadcast quality for those who use only one receiver.

Approval for CJAD's stereo broadcasting has recently been granted by the Department of Transport on an experimental basis and plans of the station call for one half-hour of stereo broadcasting during the day and one and one-half hours during the evening.

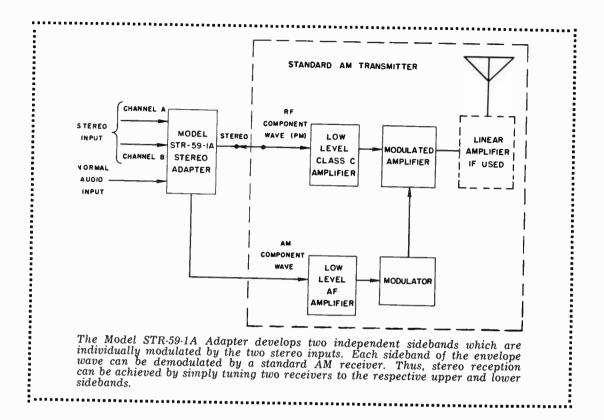
The stereo installation at Montreal's CJAD is reported to have aroused interest in other Canadian stations and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, who are also currently broadcasting one stereo program per week.

With interest sifting through Canadian commercial stations on the subject of stereo broadcasting, the following observations of stereo equipment manufacturers with respect to the specifications that must be met by stereo equipment in order to make it acceptable to the broadcaster, the public and the regulatory bodies are considered to be of topical interest.

Stereo systems must be compatible with existing receivers. That is, all a-m receivers now in the hands of the general public should be able to continue to monophonically receive the new type of signal without distortion or other forms of degradation. The program, when received with existing sets, should be well balanced and all instruments should be heard so that the musical arrangement is not altered.

The new stereophonic signal should not require any increase in allocated spectrum space. This requirement is extremely important because many a-m broadcasters are now suffering from severe co-channel and adjacent channel interference problems, and certainly any system that materially increases the bandwidth of the signal would not be acceptable.

Special receivers for stereophonic reception should be simple and relatively inexpensive. It is apparent that once standards have been formulated, a very large market for such receivers will be established. The cost and complexity of these home receivers must be minimized so as to insure widespread public acceptance of stereophonic broadcasting.



In order to assure success of the new stereophonic system, there is an additional specification. This specification would be that the signal must permit the listener to stereophonically receive the new signal with two conventional broadcast receivers.

#### Advantage to manufacturers

The possibility of stereophonic reception with conventional receivers will be advantageous to radio receiver manufacturers as well as broadcasters. It has been dramatically demonstrated in the past that the introduction of new broadcasting techniques may present "chicken and egg" type problems. It is apparent that few broadcasters will be willing to transmit stereophonically unless an appreciable percentage of their listeners could immediately avail themselves of stereo reception. Conversely, the public, except for a limited number of technically inclined people or fadists, will not purchase stereo equipment until one or a number of broadcasters are regularly transmitting stereo programs. This problem can greatly delay widespread acceptance of stereophonic transmission. However, if the public can use existing home radio sets for stereo reception, the broadcaster will have reason for broadcasting stereophonically and the "chicken and egg" problem will be solved. Once transmission standards are established, special stereo single dial receivers will have a large market.

Laboratory tests and "on the air tests" have shown that stereo systems can satisfy all these requirements.

At the present time Kahn Research Laboratories, Inc. are transmitting one stereo channel on one sideband and the other stereo channel on the remaining sideband. In this fashion, the monophonic listener may tune to the carrier and receive a proper blend of both channels. Actual measurements indicate that approximately one-half per cent distortion would be introduced by this system.

For stereo reception, all that is required is two conventional a-m sets. They would be spaced physically by some six or eight feet and one would be tuned approximately 3 kc above the carrier and the other approximately 3 kc below the carrier. Tuning is not difficult and wide variations in the amount of detuning is acceptable. Of course, improved performance can be achieved by use of special receivers wherein two IF stages would be detuned precisely at the factory and, therefore, only a single tuning adjustment need be made.

Detailed measurements have been made on the spectrum of this new stereo system and it is almost identical to standard a-m transmission. This, of course, is very important when one recognizes the interference problem existing today on the a-m band. The spectrum is not only restricted to approximately  $\pm 10~\rm kc$  but it tapers down so that the high frequency components are relatively weak. This is important when one carefully examines the limited selectivity characteristics of conventional broadcast receivers and the severe adjacent channel problems faced by the broadcasters.

Electronic exports from the United States to Canada during the year 1958 amounted to nearly 64 million dollars. During the same period exports from England to Canada amounted to 7 million dollars.

#### The blip scan machine

A device for simulating the blip effect in air surveillance radar

#### by Gerald O. Hayman and Edmond R. Pelta\*

The scintillation of a target, when observed on a radar screen, is a phenomenon familiar to the radar operator. This scintillation is closely associated with the so-called blip-scan effect.

When a radar antenna scans an object, the number of returns received is generally not equal to the number of hits to which the object has been subjected. In the case of high-powered air surveillance radars, this phenomenon is largely responsible for the apparent difference in brightness of different objects.

Similarly, it is known that the blip is not produced every time the object is scanned by the radar antenna. The ratio of the number of times the object is seen to the number of times it is scanned by the antenna is known as the blip-scan ratio. It is expressed as a percentage.

The blip-scan ratio, measured in this way, is largely a function of the skill and alertness of the operator; it is therefore subject to considerable variation. It is generally accepted, however, that a relationship exists between blip scan-ratio and target cross-section, range, and radar power.<sup>2</sup>

For many studies relating to radar observer evaluation and training in a simulated environment, it is desirable to alter the blip-scan ratio in a controlled manner. To provide this capability, the System Development Corporation developed the blip-scan machine.

#### The blip-scan model

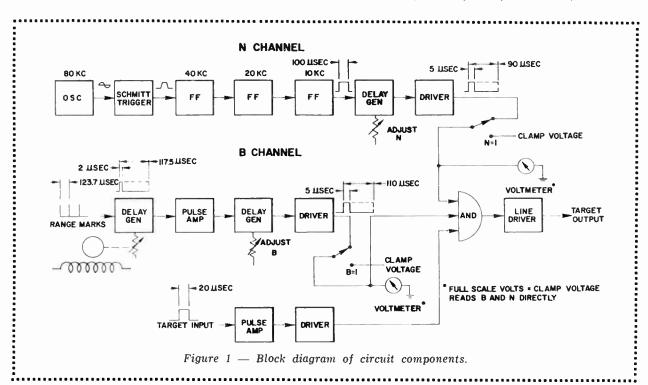
The blip-scan phenomena can be divided into two classes. The first class is the long-term effect that controls the appearance or disappearance of a target for one or more antenna scans. The second class is the short-term effect that causes individual radar pulses to produce or not produce returns.

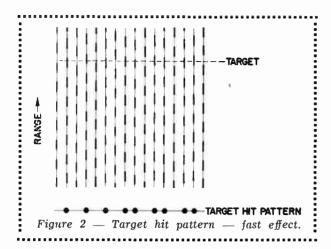
For objects of average cross-section and range, the long-term blip-scan effect is mainly due to the variation of the reflecting area normal to the radar beam, and to a lesser extent to major weather features. When the target returns are fairly weak on a given scan, the probability of the appearance of the target is a function of the number of returns that are received above the noise. The short-term, or pulse-to-pulse, effects are determined almost entirely by random process such as receiver or atmospheric noise.

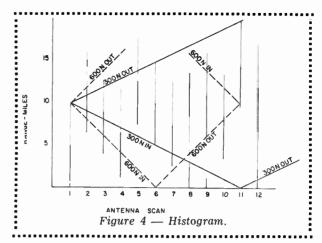
When the blip-scan situation is simulated on a radar PPI, both long- and short-term effects are required.

The device described in this paper is capable of inserting a blip-scan figure into the radar display. The short term pulse-to-pulse effects will have a pulse display ratio  $N(0{<}N{<}1)$  that can be controlled independently of the long-term effect. The long-term effect determines whether the target is displayed with

<sup>\*</sup> System Development Corporation, Santa Monica, Cal.







a ratio N or is not displayed at all on a given scan.

The probability of a target being displayed with a ratio N for a given scan will be called B; hence, the probability of a given target return being displayed is NB. If N is large enough so that a target is likely to be seen, the blip-scan ratio can be controlled entirely by B with N controlling the apparent intensity of the target returns.

The apparatus was designed to act on all displayed targets with the same over-all probability, although the instantaneous values of the probability function for targets at different points of the display will be independent.

The effect of range on the blip-scan ratio was neglected, since the first studies were conducted for radars with Csc<sup>2</sup> antennas, but the circuitry can be augmented to make the blip-scan ratio a simple function of range.

#### Implementation

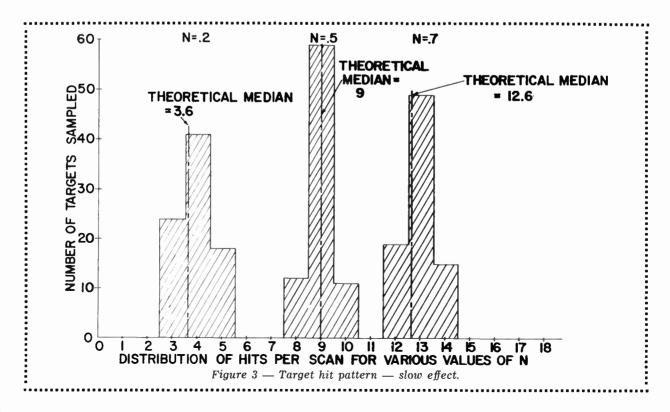
The block diagram in Figure 1 shows the circuit components used to simulate the effect of the blip-scan

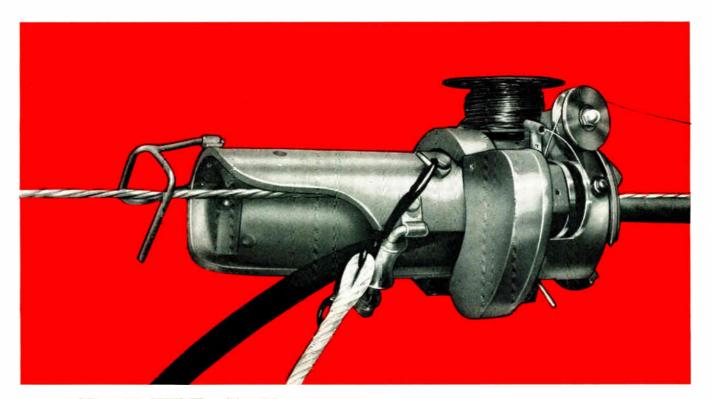
ratio N and B.

Two channels are used to develop the separate ratios. A 100  $\mu$ sec pulse is used for the basic timing source. These pulses are fed to a delay generator, which allows a gate to remain open for a period up to approximately 100  $\mu$ sec and corresponds to the ratio N.

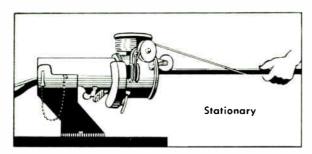
The 100  $\mu sec$  gate period was chosen because it bears no harmonic relationship to the time between radar pulses for the radar being studied (2748  $\mu sec$ , typically). The blank areas for one scan will seldom recur at the same range for any significant number of scans. This effect is illustrated in Figure 2; the thin lines correspond to the areas where targets are inhibited and the wide lines correspond to the regions where targets are allowed to appear. The hit pattern that would result from such a situation is also illustrated. Here the gate period was drawn for N = 0.5 for 16 successive radar pulses. Note that approximately 50 per cent of the hits are present.

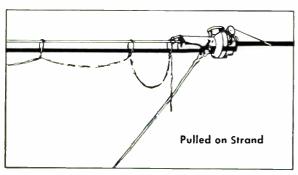
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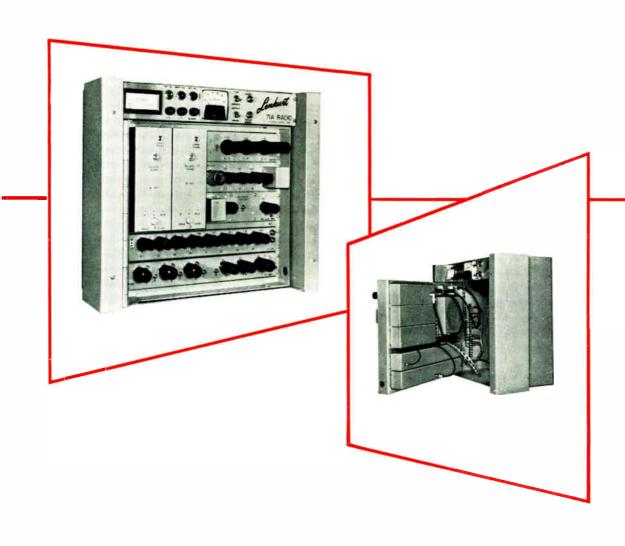
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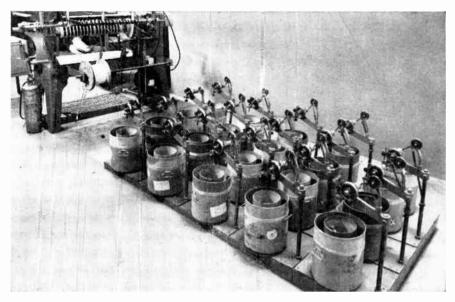


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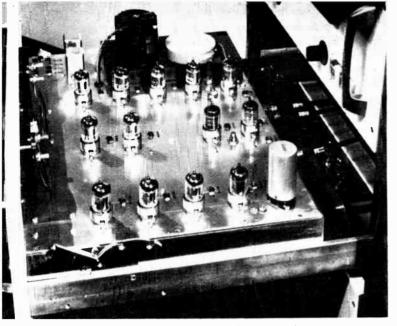


Figure 5 — Blip Scan chassis — top view.

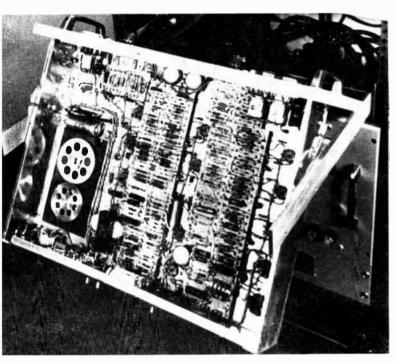
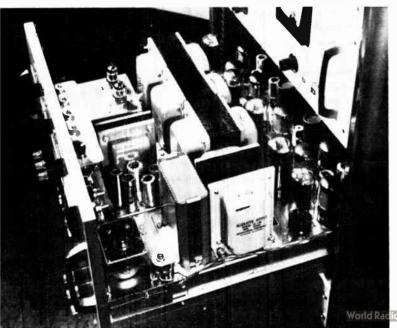


Figure 6 — Blip Scan chassis — bottom view.



#### Blip scan machine

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for a maximum of 18 hits. Figure 3 shows the result of the computation. Notice that for three given cases, their respective medians fall near the center of the distribution.

The operation of the long-term-effect circuit that produces the scan ratio B is somewhat different. Here the basic timing source is obtained from the ten-milerange-mark generator of the radar set. The ten-milerange marks occur at the same time on every radar pulse. There is, therefore, a high probability that a target that is either in the "OFF" or "ON" region for this system will remain that way for the entire time the antenna sweeps the target. To prevent the scan area from being constant for successive scans, the ten-mile-range mark is slowly delayed from zero to 9.5 miles. The delay is adjusted so that it requires 17 seconds to travel over the nine-mile range. This results in a situation where, for radars with a 12-second scan period, the gate has moved about six miles on successive scans.

Figure 4 represents a position plot of the range periods for 12 scans, where the "ON" and "OFF" ratio B = 0.5. Also shown on the chart are lines corresponding to aircraft having radial components of 300 and 600 knots inward and outward. The chart demonstrates the ability of the system to produce reasonable patterns of hits and fades of targets flying at indicated speeds.

The outputs of the N and B channel are combined with the target channel in a three-input "and" gate, so that the output of the gate is C = T(NB), where T is the target input from a simulated-target generator.

#### The fast-effect channel

The 100 usec gate is derived from a crystal-controlled oscillator, followed by a Schmitt trigger for pulse shaping. The 80KC frequency is divided by 3 flip-flops, the latest one triggering a variable delay one-shot circuit the period of which is adjustable from approximately 5 μsec to 95 μsec. All two-state circuits are clamped to stable reference voltages. When a meter is adjusted for full-scale reading across the clamp voltages and then connected to the output of the one-shot, the meter will indicate the fast-effect blip-scan ratio directly.

The one-shot is connected through a driver to the output "and" gate. A switch is provided to inhibit the action of this channel, since the one-shot circuit cannot be adjusted to 100 usec.

#### The slow-effect channel

The input to the slow-effect channel uses the tenmile-range marks, which occur at the same time on every radar pulse scan. The range-mark pulses are slowly delayed to an equivalent of from zero to 9.5 miles by a delay generator. The delay of the generator is varied by means of a motor driven potentiometer. Correct speed is obtained by simple gear trains. In the present unit the speed is adjusted so that it takes 17 seconds to vary the delay from zero to maximum. The mechanical assembly is designed so that many speed combinations are obtainable by a simple change of gears. The motor driven potentiometer assembly may be seen in Figure 5.

The delayed pulse is fed through a pulse amplifier to a second manually adjustable delay one-shot that controls the gate time. It is essentially the same as that in the fast-effect channel. Here again, metering

Figure 7 — Power supply.

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and channel inhibiting take place in the same fashion as previously described, and the output from the one-shot is connected through a driver to a second leg of the output "and" gate.

#### The target-pulse channel

The target-pulse channel consists of a two-stage amplifier. The input to the first stage is provided with circuitry that allows the pulse to be separated from noise that is frequently present in the video channel of target simulators. The second stage of the target channel is connected to the third input of the output "and" gate, and produces a target pulse the amplitude and shape of which are compatible with the gating pulses of the other two channels.

#### Output channel

The output channel consists of a simple feedback line driver. The output matches a 72 ohm line. Figure 6 is a bottom view of the blip-scan chassis showing the style of construction.

#### Power supplies

Power supplies for the blip-scan machine are assembled from commercial units, with the exception of the upper clamp supply the load of which is floating above ground and, therefore, requires special regulating circuitry.

Control of primary power is accomplished by means of push buttons. Stepping switches are used in conjunction with voltage sensitive relays to switch the various DC voltages to the load in the proper sequence. An electrical interlock is provided to prevent a reapplication of power in the event of a power failure. Indicator lights, which are an integral part of the push buttons, denote the state of all significant switch functions. The elaborate power control system is necessary to protect the large number of diodes used in the equipment. Figure 7 shows the power supply chassis.

#### Physical details

Both blip-scan units are identical, each occupying seven inches of panel space. The chassis are supported by tilting slides for convenient access to components and test points. Panel controls include adjustments for the slow and fast blip-scan-ratio effect. The indicating meters read the adjusted ratio. One combination push button and indicator lamp switch controls power. The two remaining switches provided a manual override for both fast- and slow-effect channels. Indicator lamps clearly show the state of the controlled circuits.

The power supplies occupy 10.5 inches of panel space. Indicating meters are provided for all significant voltages. Combination push button indicator lamp switches are used for control. The voltage adjustment potentiometers and the power failure override switch are located on a shelf behind the panel. The chassis frame is made from 3%" aluminum stock to provide a rigid mounting for the heavy power supplies.

The enclosure that houses the three chassis is a commercial cabinet. A blower located at the bottom supplies 300 cfm of air for cooling. Air is ducted into the side panels of the cabinet, which serve as plenums, with deflectors so located that a sufficient flow of air is brought to each chassis. Figure 8 shows an over-all view of the equipment in operating position. A view of the chassis partially withdrawn from a cabinet is seen in Figure 9.

Following initial tests, the equipment operated approximately 60 days (24 hours per day) without a failure.

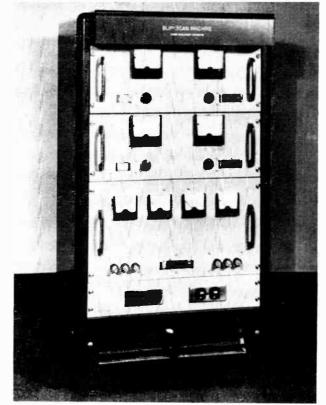


Figure 8 — Blip Scan machine — front view.



Figure 9 - Blip Scan machine - sides extended.

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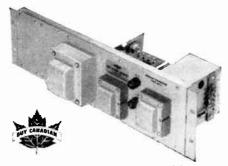
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#### EIA report

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Other important gatherings held in April were meetings of the Board of Directors, Receiver Division, Components Executive Committee, Components Engineering Committee, Service Committee, and the Sound Equipment Committee of Electronics Division. During the month various meetings of the Tariff Components Groups of the Components Division met to correlate their activities in the tariff field. The Budget Committee met also, to discuss budgetary matters for the EIA fiscal year 1960-1961.

#### 31st Annual Meeting

The 31st Annual Meeting of the Electronic Industries Association of Canada will be held on Thursday and Friday, June the 16 and 17, at Mont Tremblant Lodge, Mont Tremblant, Quebec. The first day of the conclave will be devoted to meetings of the various committees and the three divisions. At six o'clock on Thursday a reception will be held by courtesy of the Components Division and at seven the annual industry dinner will take place followed by entertainment and dancing.

The actual 31st Annual General Meeting will take place on Friday morning at which will be present a prominent speaker, Dr. B. G. Ballard, Vice-President (Scientific) and Director, Radio and Electrical Engineering Division, National Research Council. The 31st annual meeting will conclude with a meeting of the new Board of Directors on the afternoon of Friday, June 17.

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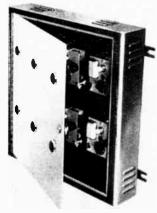
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A rivet type fastener, designed specifically for subminiature electronic and instrument needs, has been announced by the Circon Component Corpoporation of Santa Barbara, California.

Mechanical design of the new rivet combines advantages of both solid and tubular rivet styles in a concentrically deep drilled shank, thus providing the ease of setting so essential in small or delicate assemblies. The solid upper portion of the rivet contributes rigidity and prevents buckling or bending in the upsetting or clinching operation. The drilled section controls material flow and accomplishes an rial flow and accomplishes an effective clinch with a minimum of pressure on the parts or material being assembled.



Material is specification, non-Material is specification, non-magnetic brass with the alloy controlled to insure setting ease and uniformity of the swaged or upset clinch. Circon instrument rivets are supplied gold plated to prevent "splatter" of plated metal when the rivet is clinched or set. Precision setting tools are supplied to facilitate proper installation of the rivets.

Circon Component Corporation, Santa Barbara Municipal Airport, Goleta, California, U.S.A.

#### Transwitch Item 443

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The transwitch, a new device from Transitron Electronic Corporation, is a PNPN switching device analogous in many ways to the Thyratron but with the added ability to be switched "OFF" through the gate. This, together with its inherent bistable characteristics, makes the device useful in computer applications and switching operations. If the switch "OFF" current withdrawn from the gate increases slowly, then the saturation voltage across the Transwitch in the "ON" condition will rise appreciably just prior to switch "OFF". It is not possible to turn the Transwitch "OFF" with a pulse of width less than the storage and transient time for the pulse height chosen.

Transifron Electronic Corporation, 168-182 Albion Street, Wakefield, Mass., U.S.A.

#### Precision wire wound

resistor

resistor

Measuring only 0.25" dia. by 0.4" long, the RM2 is claimed as the smallest precision wire wound resistor commercially available. It is the most recent addition to the range of Alma Precision Wire Wound Resistors and has been designed primarily for printed circuit applications. It has radial leads spaced 0.3" and is suitable for 0.1" or 0.15" grids. It is available from 100 \( \text{ to g r dis } \) other with the coefficient better than 0.002% per "C; rated at 1/10th watt when the temperature rise is 15°C.

Alma Components Limited, 551 Holloway Road, London, N. 19, England.

#### Variable resistors

Item 445

A new series of \%" dia. miniature compact composition variable resistors is offered by C. C. Meredith & Company, Ltd., Streetsville, Ontario. Series 200 can be furnished with or without



attached switch in standard bushattached switch in standard bushing mounted construction or in the more economical ear mounting. Resistance range is 250 ohms thru 2.5 megohms linear taper, wattage rating ½ watt thru 100,000 ohms and 2/10 watt over 100,000 ohms at 55°C derated to no load at 85°C, voltage rating 750 VAC bushing to terminals for 1 minute high pot test and 500 VDC operating maximum, 350 VDC across end terminals and 280° rotation without switch, 315° with switch.

rotation without switch, or switch.

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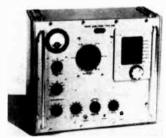
#### VHF wave analyzer

Item 446

Item 446

The latest addition to the range of electronic instruments produced by Airmec Ltd. of High Wycombe, Bucks., England, is of particular interest to workers in the field of telecommunications research and development.

Within the frequency range 5 to 300 Mc/s, the Wave Analyzer Type 248 will efficiently replace the complex array of equipment normally used for harmonic analysis, signal strength and interference measurements, and evaluation of insertion gain and loss. The IF amplifier, which operates at supersonic frequency, incorporates a series of accurate step attenuators, and a meter is provided for interpolation between steps. The Wave Analyzer will



accept input signals between 5 microvolts and 1.5 volts, and the sensitivity is such that second harmonics up to 55 db and higher harmonics up to 70 db below the fundamental may be measured. Three alternative IF bandwidths are provided, giving ease of tuning and reducing errors due to noise.

noise.
Full details may be had on request to Airmec Ltd., High Wycombe, Bucks., England.

#### Silicon power rectifiers

Item 447

New military-type silicon power rectifiers are now in production at the Semiconductor Products plant of Bendix Aviation Corporation's Red Bank Division. The 1N1614, 1N1615, and 1N1616 have

been designed to meet military specifications MIL-E-1/1240, 1/1241, and 1/1242 respectively. Featuring a high reverse voltage characteristic ranging from 200 to 600 Vdc, the new rectifiers will operate at high temperature with the low reverse current of one milliampere at 150°C. The new Bendix rectifiers are characterized by low forward voltage drop of 1.5 Vdc at 10 Adc.

Subjected to the stringent environmental testing required by the military specification, these rugged rectifiers are highly reliable. The solder lug is of one-piece construction and mechanical dimensions of the case conform to the JEDEC DO-4 configuration. Bendix — Red Bank Division is represented in Canada by Computing Devices of Canada Limited, P.O. Box 508, Ottawa, Ontario.

#### Noise generator

Item 448
The AIL Type 70 Plug-In Diode
Noise Generator, a product of
Airborne Instruments Laboratory,
uses a temperature-limited diode
that permits noise-figure measurements over the 12 to 250 mc



Designed to operate in conjunction with the Type 74 Automatic Noise Figure Indicator, which supplies power, metering, and current controls to the AIL Type 70 Plug-In Diode Noise Generator, the latter permits either manual or automatic measurement of noise figures from 0 to 36 db. The relative excess noise provided by this noise generator is variable from 0 to 16 db. When the noise generator is used for automatic measurements, it is set at 15.28 db.

For further information contact the Canadian rep: Radionics Limitatory.

the Canadian rep: Radionics Limited. 8230 Mayrand St., Montreal 9. Quebec.

De-soldering tiplets

Item 449
Ungar Electric Tool Company of Canada announces a complete range of de-soldering tiplets for use by radio and TV technicians and servicemen to speed up component repairs on printed circuit boards. The 8 tips available are for use with the popular Ungar pencil handle and type 4045 heater unit.

unit.

A slotted tip simultaneously melts solder and can be used to straighten component leads bent against the board. Excess solder runs up the slot in much the same manner as capillary action holds ink in a penpoint. The same tiplet may be used to reinforce a printed circuit by tracing over the line at the same time as free-flowing solder is applied.

A bar tiplet permits disconnection of multiple in-line terminated components while a triangle tiplet and a cube tiplet make easy work of those hard-to-get-at terminations.

full literature and descriptive drawings of these revolutionary new tips are available from Ungar Electric Tool Company of Canada, 44 Danforth Road, Toronto 13,

#### Rack-mounting servomechanisms

Item 450

Two new rack-mounting Dynamaster Servomechanisms are being offered by The Bristol Company of Canada. The new models are mounted in hinged swinging panels to fit standard 19-inch RETMA relay racks. Both models are suitable for applications in computing systems and all types of control systems, indicating gauge applications, etc.

Model 692 is mounted in a 19-inch panel, 7 ins. high. The drum-type scale is approximately 22 ins. long and offers superior visibility. The slidewire balancing shaft provides for mounting a retransmitting slidewire or alarm contacts.

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Model 694 uses a standard linch Dynamaster scale, and is mounted in a 19-inch rack panel, 834 ins. high. It is of particular advantage when the observer wishes to see the entire scale

Complete information may be had from The Bristol Company of Canada Limited, 71-79 Duchess Street, Toronto, Ontario.

#### Elapsed time indicator

Item 451

A new miniature elapsed time indicator, by Bowmar Instrument Corporation, provides high readability and accuracy through the use of a decimal type counter with large characters for readout purposes.

with large characters for readout purposes.

Easily and instantly read even at distances up to six feet away, Bowmar's Model 1440 Elapsed Time Indicator further simplifies the inherent reading problems in these miniature devices by presenting only three digits at a time, instead of many two and three digit groups of tiny numbers each only a few hundredths of an inch high. The Bowmar unit makes its presentation on a single reading line in place of the concentric circle, dial type presentation.

Overall diameter of the indicator is .670 inches, and length is 1% inches. It weighs approximately 1.8 ounces. Nominal input



requirement is 115 volts at 400 cps single phase. Current is approximately 10 milliamperes. Further details can be obtained from Bowmar Instrument Corporation, 8000 Bluffton Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

#### Helix antennas

Helix antennas

Item 452

Hackbusch Electronics Limited announce a greatly extended line of Technical Appliance Corporation antennas and matching reflectors of the helix configuration. Current models include 4, 6, 8, and 10 turn types, of various sizes. Complete units, with reflectors, are made in single, dual and quadruple assemblies for mounting on manual or mechanized mounts.

Taco helix antennas and arrays are available in all popular communications and telemetering frequency ranges. Polarization is circular, making them ideal for orbital body telemetering, or other airborne communications. Manual and remote controlled electro-mechanical mounts can be supplied.

Complete details are available upon request from Hackbusch Electronics Limited, 23 Primrose Ave., Toronto, Ontario.

#### Microdials

Item 453

Item 453

Borg Equipment Division of the Amphenol-Borg Electronics Corporation has announced a new addition to their famous line of turns-counting Microdials. This new series, the 1360, is specially designed to add richness and style to electronic control panels and equipment by means of new, high-style package design, attractive profile and the use of colored plastics in fabrication.

Five standard or stock models are available in various combinations of red, gray and black colors.



Mechanically, Borg 1360 Series Microdials provide accurate and reliable performance due to such inherent characteristics as smoothness of action, absence of noise, lack of jumping or stepping action and fewer ambiguities in reading and setting. Contoured brake arms lock settings in place but do not interfere with reading or setting.

do not interfere with reading or setting. Catalog data sheet BED-A137 is available from Atlas Radio Corporation Ltd., 50 Wingold Ave., Toronto 10, Ontario.

#### Partitioned container

Partitioned container

Item 454

Partitioned container, now "Made in Canada" for the first time, by Spaulding Fibre of Canada Limited, Toronto, Ontario, a manufacturer of vulcanized fibre.

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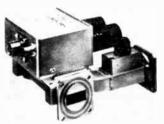
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Spaulding Fibre of Canada Limited, 70 Coronet Rd., Toronto 18, Ontario.

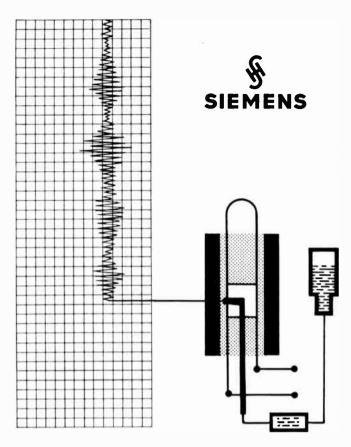
#### Microwave-mixer

Item 455

A new unit in LEL's series of matched microwave-mixer assemblies covers the 8.5-9.6 KMC range and provides an IF output bandwidth of 100 MC. The MMX-5 Wideband Mixer-Preamplifier Assembly has an IF center frequency of 250 MC, a gain of 15 db, and an overall noise figure of 10 db. The MMX-5 provides the



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#### Portable tube tester

Portable tube tester

Item 456

The Model 8-77 is designed as a radio and TV technicians' vacuum tube tester and has been incorporated in this compact 16 lb. portable tester. It checks filament voltages in 18 steps from U.6 to 117 volts. Checks scale readings directly on the 3\* range microhmho scale (0-3, 000, 6,000, 15,000) includes such features as: Stark Hickok dynamic mutual conductance tests; high speed short test (12 times more sensitivity); grid current test; filament continuity test; reserve cathode capacity test.



New socket design slips off easily, exposing new 11-pin socket and saves time in replacing wornout sockets

For catalog listing, complete data on this and many other models write to Stark Electronic Sales Company, Ajax, Ontario.

#### Electronic counters

Item 457
Two new electronic counters with a wide variety of laboratory and industrial uses are now available from Hewlett-Packard Com-

able from Hewlett-Packard Company.

The counters, Models 521D and 521E, quickly and directly measure frequency and random events per unit of time. With transducers converting mechanical into electrical phenomena, they also measure such quantities as speed, rpm, rps, welght, pressure, temperature and acceleration. An inline readout automatically displays results in large, bright numerals. numerals.



The counters have a frequency range of 1 cps to 120 KC. The 521E has a crystal time base assuring accuracy of 0.01%, ±1 count, while the 521D's accuracy is controlled by power line frequency (typically 0.1%), ±1 count. Display time can be adjusted from the gate time selected to approximately 15 seconds, or can be held until intentionally reset.

Hewlett-Packard Co., 275 Page Mill Rd., Palo Alto, Calif., U.S.A.

#### Telephone cable pressure guard

Item 458

Item 458

The UE Pressure Guard warns of leaks or breaks in the line in pressurized cable systems, thereby reducing cable maintenance costs and improving customer service.

Originally developed for the Bell Telephone System, UE Pressure Guards are now protecting pressurized cable systems in many locations throughout the United

States and Canada. The importance of this type of maintenance, whereby sheath breaks may be detected prior to service disruption, has led us to develop a more versatile and lower cost unit for wider application.

Smaller and more compact than previous models, the new J31 is suitable for cable, pole or wall mounting. It may be purchased through regular suppliers of telephone equipment such as Automatic Electric Sales (Canada) Limited and W. S. Gerrie & Associates, Ltd.

For additional information on the advantages, installation or use

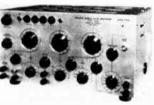
For additional information on the advantages, installation or use of the Pressure Guard on pressur-ized cable systems, please contact: United Electric Controls (Canada) Ltd., O'Connell Avenue, Dorval,

#### Delayed double pulse generator

Item 459

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This instrument was designed by Nagard Limited, of Belmont, Surrey, England, to meet the need for a generator of fastrising pulses and square waves, while at the same time providing a wide range of amplitude, repetition rate, width and delay with direct-reading calibrations, together with full flexibility as to polarities of main pulses, prepulse and trigger pulse and the ability to trigger from any form of external signal.



The instrument has two output circuits. The main output consists of either a single or double pulse, as desired, of either polarity and of controllable amplitude callbrated to ± 2%. The rise time is independent of width throughout the ten million to one range available.

At the other output terminal a pre-pulse of either polarity is produced. When switched to single-pulse operation this prepulse precedes the main pulse output by a callbrated time interval controllable also over a range of ten million to one.

Complete information on Type 5002 Delayed Double Pulse Generator is available from Electrodesign, 736 Notre Dame St. W., Montreal, Que.

#### **Encapsulated resistors**

Encapsulated resistors

Item 460

A newly developed mounting method for the Series "EP" encapsulated, precision wire-wound resistors, is announced by Kelvin Electric Co., 5907 Noble Ave., Van Nuys, California. Designed for quick interchangeability on computor boards or where rapid change of resistance values is required. Mounts on standard General Radio or Superior Electric binding posts.

Resistors feature Kelvin's "Relaxed" winding technique which produces tension -free windings, practically eliminating resistance drift with age and "shorts" or "opens" due to thermal shock. Lugs are available with either silver or gold plating. Maximum resistance, to 25 MEG; 0.5 watt to 2.5 watts; 400 to 1200 volts max.; Temperature co-efficient: ± .002/°C (closer upon request); Tolerance: to 0.05% (closer upon request); Size range: ½" to 1" dia.; Mounting centers: 1.460" to 3.085". Resistors are shock, moisture and temperature-proof, and exceed military specifications.

Literature upon request to Kelvin Canadian distributor: Conway Electronic Enterprises, 1514 Eglinton Ave. West, Toronto 10, Ontario.

#### Telemetering system

Item 461

Model T-108 Tone Telc-The Model T-108 Tone Telemetering System, a product of Solid State Electronics Co., is a totally solid state, high temperature, ruggedized tone generating system capable of operation in associated FM-FM telemetering systems. This unit is designed to



indicate the precise occurrence and sequence of remote functions through catastrophic environmental extremes. The standard unit contains 11 sine wave oscillators. Each oscillator output is controlled by means of a remote 28 volt DC supply through a gated switch. The opening of any or all gates allows the respective oscillator outputs to appear on the common bus of the summing amplifier where they are mixed. The mixed composite signal is amplified and may then be fed to a transmission line or to a voltage-controlled subcarrier oscillator for conversion to FM within a specified IRIG band. Further details from Radionics Limited, 8230 Mayrand St., Montreal 9, Quebec.

#### Toroidal inductors

Item 462

Item 462
Toroidal inductors, called "Toroiductors", provide a versatile design for both wired circuit and printed circuit applications. They are encased in epoxy filled bakelite cases in sizes from 1½" diameter by 3%" high to 2" diameter by 1" high. Inductance values range from 100 microhenries to 20 henries. They can be supplied with any of the standard core materials, thereby providing for applications covering a frequency range from low audio to approximately 100 KC as well as special applications requiring a high degree of stability.



"Toroiductors" are a product of Forbes and Wagner, Inc., of Silver Creek, N.Y.. and further details on these inductors are available from the Canadian sales representatives, Prime Electronic Components Ltd., 868 Dundas Highway East, Dixie, Ontario.

#### Robot-Eye photoelectric controls

Item 463

Robot-Eye Photoelectric Controls, manufactured by Standard Instrument Corporation of New York, are designed for automatic industrial in spection, counting and control. Among the operations performed by Robot-Eye are production counting, sorting, inspecting, traffic control, machine and operator safeguard, liquid level and bin level control, cut-off control, loop regulation and precision filling. Operation is by beam interruption or by reflection.

Robot - Eye is flexible in construction. The three elements of the photoelectric system — light source, photo cell and amplifier — may be interconnected by plug-in terminals and receptacles.

Miniaturization and easy mounting are prime features of Robot-Eye light sources and photo cells.

Amplifiers are available in tube or transistorized form. Amplifier flexibility is extended by provision for plug-in connection of time delays and count registers.

Operating range of standard units is up to 20 feet — this range may be extended to 100 feet, if necessary. Operating speeds are as high as 1000 per minute.

Write for information to Canadian distributor: Standard Instruments (Canada) Ltd., 767 Warden Ave., Scarborough, Ont.

#### Transducer preamplifier

Item 464

A new instrument, manufactured by Waterman Products Co., combines the function of a preamplifier and monitor for low level signals in a package with panel dimensions of 5½ high by 5¼ wide and extending 10 behind the front panel.

The preamplifier features a high impedance balanced input with a sensitivity of 3 mv rms and a 1 volt rms output (for tape recorders or similar devices) when the monitoring scope shows a one inch signal. The 1 volt output impedance is approximately 500 ohms. The amplifier has a bandwidth of 30 KC.



Repetitive sweep frequencies of 0.5, 1, 2, 4 cps, 1 KC and 5 KC are selected by a front panel control. Internal sync is provided. An input transformer is available with a gain of 3:1 which will provide ungrounded inputs with an impedance of approximately one ohm.

Aviation Electric Limited, P.O. Box 6102, Montreal, Que.

#### Solderless terminals

Item 465

Described as the ultimate in high-performance design, a new line of solderless electrical terminals is being manufactured by ETC Incorporated, Cleveland, Ohio. Known as "Avikrimp" style, the new terminals are reinforced by a seamless, annealed, tin-plated brass sleeve permanently attached over the regular terminal barrel. Crimped in the same operation as the barrel, the "skirt" part of the sleeve permanently grips the wire insulation, preventing creep. Any wire flexing takes place away from the crimping point, eliminating the vibration hazard.

In addition, the Avikrimp style

In addition, the Avikrimp style features a permanently attached Nylon insulating sleeve which extends beyond the metal support sleeve. No extra insulation is necessary. Operating temperature range: continuous duty from -40°F to 250°F, intermittent duty to 350°F. The sleeve is colorcoded for wire range. Samples, prices and literature are available on request from ETC Incorporated, 990 East 67th St., Cleveland 3, Ohio, or from their Canadian representative, Douglas Randall (Canada) Limited, 126 Manville Road, Scarborough, In addition, the Avikrimp style

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The extremely sensitive grid current test in the TT-1 will indicate as little as 1/4 microampere thus often rejecting a tube after the transconductance test has labeled it passable. This test is of particular value to TV servicemen as grid current is often the cause of malfunctioning circuits. Wiring harnesses and power transformer terminal board simplify assembly. Black leatherette case with white trim, nylon feet, removable top. Because of the inherent complexity, assembly skill of technician or higher is recommended. Average construction time 40 hours. 27 lbs.

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Courtesy Blaw-Knox Co.

A time exposure provided this dramatic illustration of an 85-pot diameter radio telescope in use at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Green Bank, W. Va., to aid the study of a wide variety of radio astronomical problems. The telescope's axis is parallel to the axis of the earth and turns at a constant rate of speed — one revolution per day, either on sidereal or solar time.



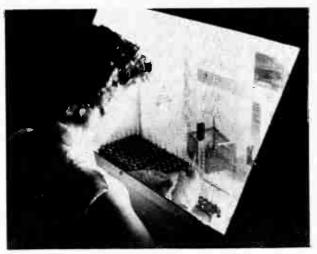
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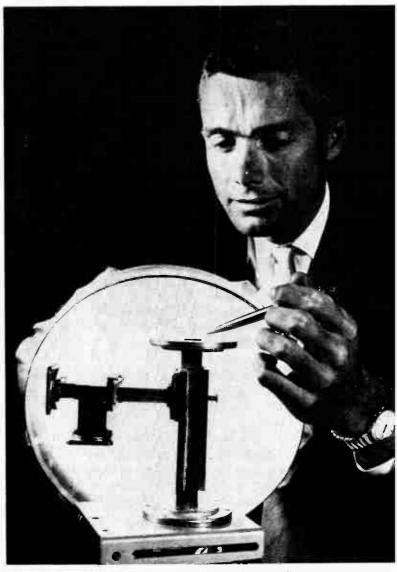
Two members of the Western Primary Standards Laboratory staff at Convair (Pomona) Division of General Dynamics Corporation at Pomona, Calif., compare the performance of a "secondary standard" instrument (center) with the output of the "primary standard" dynamometer (at rear).



Assembling silicon rectifiers in a dry air compartment box at Radio Valve Co. Ltd., Toronto. Air temperature and humidity is carefully controlled, and operator's hands are covered with rubber gloves to prevent contamination of the materials which would affect their electrical properties.



Variable resistors being checked at Precision Electronic Components (1956) Ltd., Toronto, Ontario. The above illustration shows the final inspection in which the taper noise and the hop-off resistance of L-type variable resistors are checked in one automatic operation.

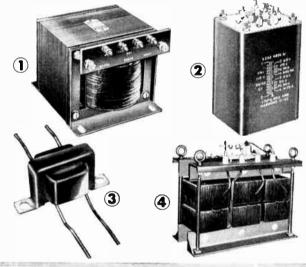


Charles W. Curtiss, manager of Hughes Aircraft Company's microwave engineering department. examines new "parametric amplifier" for use in aircraft and airport radar systems. New amplifier is expected to increase range of both systems by as much as 100 per cent.

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#### Microwave techniques

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In every branch of technology, measurement and testing techniques have been evolved, and in microwaves a whole range of special instruments are required as research tools and production test units. The microwave instrument industry in the U.K. lies mainly with relatively small companies. The instruments can be divided broadly into waveguide components (bends, attenuators, slotted lines, etc.) electronic accessory equipment (modulators, power supplies, amplifiers, etc.) and combined test sets (automatic impedance plotters, reflectometers, signal generators, etc.).

#### Readily available

Components are readily available in all the established radar and communication bands. Outside these bands equipments are made to order. An example of high-quality British test equipment of novel design is the Elliott rotary standing wave indicator which measure accurately impedance by means of a small spinning probe located in a circular branch from the main waveguide.

An example of a combination instrument used for the measurement of dielectric properties at microwave frequencies and elevated temperatures is the Microcell Dielectric Test Set, which uses a microwave bridge circuit analogous to the Wheatstone Bridge.

Among the many novel uses to which microwaves have been put are the determination of the dryness of bricks, the assessment of diffraction patterns from "giant" models of atoms and molecules, and the stimulation of activity in frozen rats.

Microwave technology will continue to grow as a separate branch of science, and among other exciting possibilities now being studied are very fast digital techniques using microwave frequencies, the use of tunnel diodes for oscillators and amplifiers, and the generation of super high powers.

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#### Letters to the editor

The article entitled "Let's Put Some 'Meat' Into Our Association Meetings", published in the April issue of ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATIONS has aroused interest among E & C readers in different cities, as will be seen from the following representative letters, which proffer suggestions as to how attendance at association meetings may be stimulated.

#### **Engineers' meetings**

The Editor:

While I do not read your good publication, *Electronics and Communications* as regularly as I would like to, I did go through the April issue rather carefully and wish to comment on your article, "Let's Put some Meat Into our Association Meetings".

In the first place, I would like to commend you on writing such an article and on stimulating the panel discussion referred to. For a number of reasons, I feel that the whole engineering profession in Canada must take a closer look at itself and realize that engineering is a profession and that all members of the profession should energetically push their participation in the association and its activities in acquainting the public with the good work which can be done by the application of science, engineering and research to business. We in Canada have for so many years relied upon our good friends in the United States for so much of the engineering which is done in this country. While this is a natural sequence of events when a company starts in business, it should not be a continuing state of operation because, without a background of engineering, no manufacturing company has an effective foundation on which to build a business. The persistence of this practice is, in my opinion, indicative that the engineers working in the companies have not sold their management on the job which engineers can do for the company as well as they should have done. Under these circumstances, management goes along blithely thinking that they are operating in a most effective manner. If management was sold on the contribution which engineering and development can contribute to a company's stature, they would be more insistent on the engineers themselves being active in their Association.

I do not wish to mention names with regard to some of the comments which arose during the question period but certainly deplored the statement that the subjects dealt with should be presented in plain and simple English, and in another case that, if a man wished to understand what transpired in a meeting, he would have to go back to college. In my opinion, these

two statements are a reflection on the status of engineering, research and design in Canada.

Keep working on the idea! You are dealing with a very important subject and one which is at the basis of the development of the industrial economy of Canada.

Carl A. Pollock, President,
Dominion Electrohome
Industries Limited,
Kitchener, Ont.

#### **Engineers' meetings**

The Editor:

Your April report of a recent joint AIEE-IRE panel discussion on poor attendance at professional society meetings brought forth some interesting explanations and suggestions.

Your suggestion of requiring members to attend a minimum number of society meetings might be turned around the other way by offering a prize or prizes for attendance. Some societies give best-paper prizes; why not best-listener prizes, based on points for attendance, with bonus points for constructive discussion, not applicable for discussions exceeding three minutes or for any discussion after 9.45 p.m., executive members not being eligible? I do not suggest draws or door prizes. Let them be earned!

C. Kent Duff Senior Technical Engineer System Planning Dept. Ontario Hydro.

#### **Engineers' meetings**

The Editor:

I am very much interested in your Article "Let's Put Some Meat Into Our Association Meetings", in the April issue of *Electronics and Communications*, and I fully agree that it is a problem. I have been a member of the Institute of Radio Engineers since 1928 and have attended meetings fairly regularly both at the Toronto and Hamilton sections.

We in Hamilton attempted to deal with this problem two years ago. We put into effect extra advertisements or bulletins with phrasing to work up some enthusiasm. It helped to a degree, but invariably it was of interest to some particular group who did not attend the next time, so that we were still faced with the same

problem. I found over a period of years that the meetings that drew the largest attendance were subjects of very current interest and border on the entertainment side. By this I mean a meeting with a large display or film or a trip through a local TV station or maybe some plant, but over all that the meeting was particularly social and the members could get together without sitting through hours of heavy concentration. Of course at any time the meeting did not deviate from a strictly Engineering session.

Time and again we did not figure on that many people showing up, which leads me to believe that the subjects of the meetings should be of a different pattern than is followed by IRE sections. I could go on further and discuss other points from prescribed IRE patterns but firmly believe that to increase attendance we should change our ideas of meetings. Our industry is always bringing up new ideas, methods etc. of high interest. The lecturer may not be so informative but the open discussions or simple demonstrations really draw the crowd.

Yours truly,
J. K. Williams, Buyer,
Appliance-TV-Radio Div.,
Canadian Westinghouse
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#### Amazed at growth

The Editor:

I have just seen your Buyers' Guide issue (Dec. 59) and am amazed at the growth of the electronics industry in Canada. I left Canada in 1952 because it was not growing fast enough.

I hope you may be able to send me a copy of the December 1959 issue for my reference files. We are called upon at times to supply details of representatives throughout the U.S.A.; with a copy of your book I will be able to recommend Canadian representatives.

J. Greenblatt, Publisher,Western States ElectronicsDirectory andBuyers' GuideLos Angeles 57, California.

#### Conservative handling

The Editor:

Thank you very much for the copy of *Electronics and Communications*.

I want to thank you for handling the article on Molecular Electronics in a conservative, rather than in a flamboyant manner.

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An illustrated report which makes available for the first time detailed data on the design of tape wound core-transistor converters is entitled "Designing DC-DC Converters". The introductory portion presents valuable data on converter design factors, including transistor selection and characteristics of magnetic cores. The second half of the report contains complete step-by-step information on two theoretical case histories covering design of a power converter, and of a DC to DC high voltage supply. Copies of the report may be obtained by writing to Magnetics, Inc., Butler, Pennsylvania.

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#### Transistor manual

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the twenty chapters is information on basic semi-conductor theory, transistor radio servicing techniques, and several chapters on typical circuits.

The fourth edition of the Transistor manual is priced at \$1.25 and may be purchased either from the company's distributors or from Canadian General Electric Co. Ltd., 189 Dufferin Street, Toronto, Ontario.

#### **Power supplies**

A 24-page Kepco catalog (B601) of Voltage Regulated Power Supplies has recently been issued. This catalog gives full descriptive data of active standard models in the transistorized, vacuum tube, magnetic and hybrid design groups of the company's wide line of power supplies. A new dual index by design group and output voltage range provides easy access to this data. Copies of Catalog B601 are available by writing to Kepco Inc., 131-38 Sanford Ave., Flushing 55, N.Y.

#### Reliability assurance

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For information on this program, write Bourns' Canadian licensee: Douglas Randall (Canada) Limited, 126 Manville Rd., Scarborough, Ontario.

#### Size 18 servomotors

A new catalog describing their full line of Size 18 Servomotors has just been released by Helipot Division of Beckman Instruments, Inc., Toronto, Ontario. Complete with typical unit characteristics, specifications, dimensionals and torque-speed curves, the 16 page catalog is directly adaptable to the needs of engineers.

The Size 18 Catalog rounds out Helipot's Servomotor catalog program, as the firm has already printed similar literature covering their Size 8, Size 11, and Size 15 rotating components. Free copies of the new Size 18 Catalog, or any of the other catalogs may be requested from R-O-R Associates, Limited, 1470 Don Mills Road, Don Mills, Ontario, sales representatives for Helipot Division of Beckman Instruments, Inc.

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#### scatter matter

Scanning the international scene

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An electronic computer that can direct the running of a 10-car train is being produced by a Latvian factory, according to the Soviet news agency Tass, which reports that the computer during tests kept the train on schedule, controlled speed and accurately responded to other signals. Advance information on the train's route, line voltage, wind force and other essential data was fed to the machine.

An agreement between the Indian Government and Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co. Ltd. has been concluded which will provide for co-operation in the local manufacture under license of equipment of Marconi design. The agreement, which provides also for technical assistance and the supply of materials and components, will form the basis for Indian manufacture of equipment in the aeronautical radio, sound and television broadcasting, communications and radar fields.

Canada's first satellite, to be officially known as Topside Sounder, is to collect information on "space music", comprising signals from the stars and the masses of gas that accumulate in outer space. This satellite, to be built and equipped by Canada, will be launched by the United States from Air Force Base at Vandenberg, California. It is expected to go into orbit in November, 1961.

Italian television authorities have placed an order with E.M.I. Electronics Ltd., through their representatives in Milan, for four of the latest high-quality TV camera channels for use in covering events at the Olympic Games to be held in Rome next August. The order won over strong foreign competition.

The first British closed-circuit TV system to be installed in Wall Street enables busy executives of a New York stockbroking organization to study the latest tickertape stock market movements without leaving their offices. The television system relays a continuous picture of moving tickertapes giving price changes on the New York and American Stock Exchanges, to seven large-screen monitors in offices throughout the building.

The Japanese Government is reported to be meeting the request of Japanese electronics and other industries for freer imports of tantulum by specifying metal tantulum as a duty-free import item. Tantulum is used for the manufacture of capacitors and other products.

The Turkish Telephone Administration has contracted with L. M. Ericsson Telephone Company of Stockholm, parent of the Ericsson Group, for a \$14 million long-range development program for the national telephone system in Turkey. A telephone factory will be built in Turkey by the Swedish company, who will provide technical assistance in the manufacture of Ericsson system equipment in that locale,

It is reported that one of Japan's leading television manufacturers is prepared to sell color TV sets in the United States for as low as \$300. The cheapest color TV set currently sold by American manufacturers is slightly less than \$500.

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## CNT Maritime sales supervisor

James F. Lounder, assistant plant supervisor. Canadian National Telegraphs, has been appointed district sales supervisor of the company's Maritime district, with headquarters at Moncton. The appointment, effective April 1, was announced recently by Hugh A. Marquis, CNT superintendent, for the Maritimes.

In his new position Mr. Lounder will be responsible for all sales throughout the district, including private wire services and the recently developed Telex system. The district encompasses the provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Quebec, east of Riviere du Loup.

## Canadian Admiral Corp. appliance engineer

S. D. Brownlee, president, Canadian Admiral Corporation Ltd., recently announced the appointment of R. P. "Pat." Bourke, appliance engineer for the company.

Mr. Bourke is a professional member of the Chemical Institute of Canada and joins Canadian Admiral after eight years in appliance engineering with Frigidaire Products of Canada.

## TMC (Canada) engineer assists on "Project Mercury"

D. V. Carroll, president and managing director, Technical Materiel Corporation (Canada) Limited, Ottawa, has announced the appointment of Michael Yurko, B.Sc., M.E-C, P.Eng., as co-ordinating engineer on the U.S. Space Program "Project Mercury". He will be working with other engineers of The Technical Materiel Corporation, Mamaroneck, N.Y. and with the Western Electrical Company. Mr. Yurko is known for the design and co-ordination of complex communication installations in use throughout the world.



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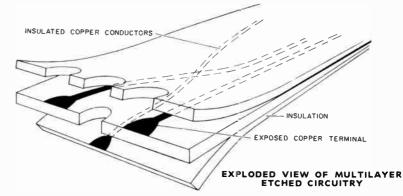
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#### briefing the industry

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- Beginning on May 22, the system officially known as D.I.D. (Direct in Dialing) will permit one to dial, or be connected, directly to any official Bell PBX number in Toronto. The system allows calls originating either in Toronto or in any community having Direct Dialing with Toronto to be dialed direct to the extension desired. Other out-of-town calls, though still handled by an operator, will also be connected directly.
- Over the past decade the electronics industry in Canada has placed nearly 4 million Canadianmade television receivers in the hands of Canadians, according to F. W. Radcliffe, general manager of Electronics Industries Association of Canada.
- In an address by John D. Houlding, president, RCA Victor Company, Ltd., before the company's Quarter Century Club, the speaker said "We are very proud of the fact that our Canadian company is now regarded by RCA, our parent company, as its principal engineering and production source of microwave equipment for projects anywhere in the world."
- Over 8,000 telephones are expected to be installed throughout the province of Nova Scotia during 1960 by the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company, which will more than equal the number installed in 1959. The company estimates that by 1965 there will be some 200,000 telephones in service in the province.

- In announcing the formation by the CSA Board of Directors of a Canadian National Committee of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), R. S. Eadie, president of CSA, said: "Twenty-five per cent of Canada's gross national product is derived from foreign trade, and goods made in Canada are not good exports if they do not fit the standards and meet the requirements of the country to which they are exported." In order to broaden local horizons and enlarge thinking to the international level. Canada, through the CSA, is to have a more active and forceful participation in the international program.
- Lands and Forests Minister Ray Williston of British Columbia predicted in the legislature recently that there would be a greater use of electronics, linked with radio, to make possible more remote control of operations in province's logging industry. The logger, he said, will tend to become a push-button man.
- Electronic technicians of Kimberley, B.C., trained in a specialized field, have formed an Electronic Technicians Association to encourage public confidence and to raise professionally and financially the status of the electronic technician in the area.
- According to Stuart D. Brownlee, president of Canadian Admiral Corporation, 1960 will be the first really big trade-in year. Over 250,000 TV sets will be over eight years old, 750,000 will be over seven years old and 1¼ million will be over six years old. Approximately two million television sets in Canada are five or more years old.
- Three major fields will be highlighted in the 1960 Seventh Region Conference of the IRE, to be held May 24-26 in Seattle, Washington, according to Dr. Frank S. Holman, chairman for the event. They are control systems, solid state electronics, and electromagnetics.

## J. K. Wilson wins suggestion award

The Suggestion Award Board of the Public Service of Canada has made an award of \$335.75 to Petty Officer John K. Wilson, of Stoney Mountain, Manitoba, and Dartmouth, N.S., for his suggestion on modifications to radar magnetrons used by the Royal Canadian Navy. Only three months ago PO Wilson won a cash award of a lesser amount for filing a suggestion of a carrying rack for a radio unit used by the Navy.





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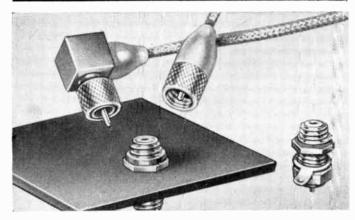
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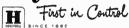
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This book provides a comprehensive discussion, stressing the mathematical theory and basic physical phenomena, rather than detailed design techniques. The most modern points of view are presented regarding cathode noise phenomena, signal amplification in microwave tubes, solid-state noise, and methods of designing low-noise tubes.

Since the emphasis is on fundamental processes, the material presented can well serve as background for the understanding of such devices as masers and parametric amplifiers.

The Technology Press of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 440 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, N.Y., contains 413 pages, hard cover bound, price \$12.00.

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Ripley Company Inc. of Middletown, Connecticut, have announced recently the appointment of Prime Electronic Components Ltd. as sales representatives for Canada selling to original equipment manufacturers only.

The products consist of L-R Blowers for cooling aircraft and electronic equipment; and precision motors.

Prime Electronic Components Ltd., is located at 868 Dundas Highway East, Dixie, Ontario.

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#### Ferritronics Ltd. enters field

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#### Federal Wire opens Moncton warehouse

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## Northern Electric research labs to employ 400 people

A. B. Hunt, general manager, research and development for Northern Electric Company, Limited, has announced that a contract for the first two buildings of the company's research and development center has been awarded to Doran Construction Company Limited, Ottawa. The amount of the contract is approximately two and one half million dollars.

Northern Electric's research and development laboratories have been operating on a limited scale since last October in temporary quarters at Bells Corners, Ottawa. Upon completion of the first stage of the company's pro-



A. B. Hunt

gram, in 1961, a staff of about 200 scientists and supporting personnel will move to the new location.

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#### CGE technique helps servicemen

A new technique for helping local independent radio and television servicemen improve their business methods is being offered by Canadian General Electric. The announcement was made by Robert S. Thompson, replacement sales manager.

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Mr. Thompson said the new course was prepared under the direction of Dr. John K. Pfahl, associate professor of business organization, and produced by the McGraw-Hill Publishing Company under G-E sponsorship.

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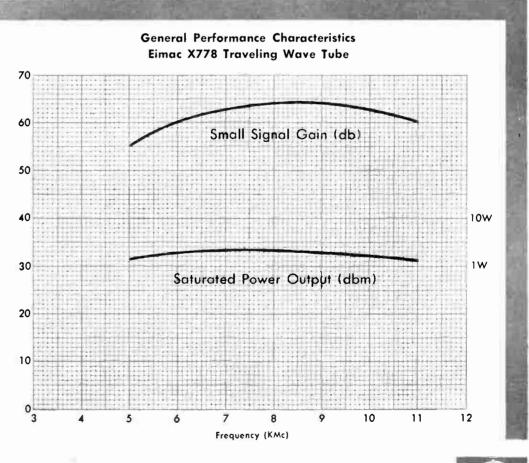
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#### editorial

#### Political hocus pocus or color TV?

During the past few years the Electronic Industries Association of Canada have approached the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation several times with the object of obtaining from CBC authorities the right for Canadian television stations to televise programs in color. According to the EIA there are two main obstacles that presently stand in the way of color telecasting in Canada and these two obstacles were recently pointed out by the EIA in a presentation to the Board of Broadcast Governors, the first presentation made by the EIA to the Board of Broadcast Governors since this body took over as the regulatory organization of Canadian radio and television.

The obstacles pointed out were:

- 1. The delay by the Department of Transport in approving the color television technical standards recommended for approval by all interested parties.
- 2. The restrictive nature of the present telecasting licenses issued to stations which treat color telecasting as a separate entity from black and white telecasting.

It is well known that there are no technical obstacles standing in the way of re-telecasting to Canadian audiences color programs which originate in the United States. For this reason then, the delay on the part of the Department of Transport in approving for Canadian use the National Television Color Standards, on which color telecasts in the United States are based, is beginning to take on the aspect of a delaying action on behalf of Canadian radio and television authorities who, it is reported, are reluctant to permit the telecasting of English language programs to Ontario audiences without at the same time providing simultaneous French language color telecasts for the French-speaking population of Quebec.

If such an attitude in the matter of color telecasting American-originated programs to Ontario viewers has been part and parcel of the old regulatory regime of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, then it is hoped that a less myopic attitude will be adopted by the Board of Broadcast Governors.

If the Board of Broadcast Governors is to serve the best interests of television in Canada, it will surely not allow itself to be dominated by political influences, and the best way it can indicate its stand in this matter is to permit forthwith the telecasting of color programs in Canada without any further hocus-pocus concerning simultaneous English and French-language telecasts.

Permission for Canadian stations to re-telecast Americanoriginated color programs would undoubtedly create a market for color television receivers in Canada and thereby lend stimulus to the Canadian electronics industry, a consideration which the Board of Broadcast Governors should ponder well as opposed to the parochial attitude of providing English and French-language color telecasts simultaneously.

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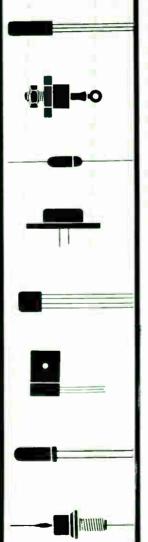
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